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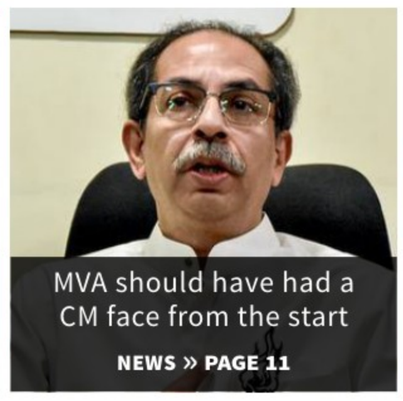

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'BJP feeling the heat of inflation'

BENGALURU
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Govt. makes NOC must for starting new colleges

BENGALURU
The State government has made it must for all technical education institutions to obtain an NOC before starting new colleges or increasing seats in existing ones. » Page 6

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Chaos erupts in Manipur after recovery of bodies

Protesters attack residence of MLA in Imphal, asking all legislators to quit if they cannot punish 'killers of women and children'; curfew imposed in Imphal East, Imphal West, Bishnupur

Rahul Karmakar
Vijaita Singh
GUWAHATI/NEW DELHI

Tension escalates: A mob attacking the house of Rajkumar Imo Singh, MLA, in Imphal on Saturday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Manipur's Imphal Valley relapsed into chaos on Saturday after unconfirmed reports that the bodies of all six persons, believed to be of women and children missing since November 11, had been recovered from a river along the State's boundary with Assam.

As protesters took to the streets, setting vehicles ablaze and attacking the residences of several MLAs in the State capital, Imphal, the government suspended Internet and mobile data services in seven affected districts of the valley, which is dominated by the non-tribal Meiteis, and the surrounding hills, where the tribal Kuki-Zos are in a majority. Curfew was clamped in the three valley districts of Imphal East, Imphal West, and Bishnupur.

Among the houses of the MLAs targeted was that of Rajkumar Imo Singh, son-in-law of Chief Minister Nongthombam Biren Singh, whose personal residence on the outskirts of Imphal was also reportedly attacked by a mob on Saturday night. Before the two-day curfew was imposed from 4.30 p.m., large groups of people went about asking MLAs to quit if the government was unable to ensure peace and punish "killers of women and children".

Sources say that a few MLAs of the ruling BJP may resign in a day or two.

Officials in Cachar district of southern Assam, which borders the violence-scarred Jiribam district of Manipur, said that three bodies were taken to the morgue of the Silchar Medical College and Hospital late on Friday night. The bodies were recovered from the Jiri river close to the Assam boundary.

The State government, in a statement, confirmed that three of these bodies were of people who had gone missing from a relief camp in the Borobekra area of Jiribam since Monday's gunfight, in which the Central Reserve Police Forces and Manipur police personnel gunned down 10 "militants". Kuki-Zo organisations said the slain men were "village volunteers".

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U.P. orders probe after 10 newborns die in hospital fire

Mayank Kumar
LUCKNOW

Family members await word on their children being treated for injuries after the hospital fire.

Hours after 10 newborns were killed in a fire at the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) of the Maharani Laxmi Bai Medical College in Jhansi district, the Uttar Pradesh government on Saturday ordered a multi-level investigation.

A high-level panel has been set up to identify the primary cause of the fire, pinpoint any negligence or lapses, and recommend preventive measures.

At least 16 children are still battling for their lives. Sudhakar Pandey, Chief Medical Officer, Jhansi, told *The Hindu* that all the 10 deceased children had been identified.

"The bodies have been handed over to their respective families after the post-mortem examinations," he said.

Chaos erupted at the hospital on Saturday morning when parents of the injured children were allegedly not allowed to meet them. Visuals from outside the hospital showed parents breaking down.

When the fire – possibly caused by an electrical short circuit – broke out at around 10.45 p.m. on Friday night, there were 54 children admitted to the NICU.

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Three held for disrobing two women in Belagavi

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

Three persons, including a woman, were arrested on the charge of disrobing and assaulting a woman and her daughter on suspicion of being involved in prostitution, in Belagavi on Saturday.

Clip went viral

The incident which happened on November 11 came to light on Saturday, after a videoclip of it went viral on social media.

Police Commissioner Iada Martin Marbaniang, who visited the house of the victims and consoled them, told presspersons that all the three accused had been arrested.

He directed Deputy Commissioner of Police Rohan Jagadish to inquire into the allegation of police not taking the victim's complaint initially.

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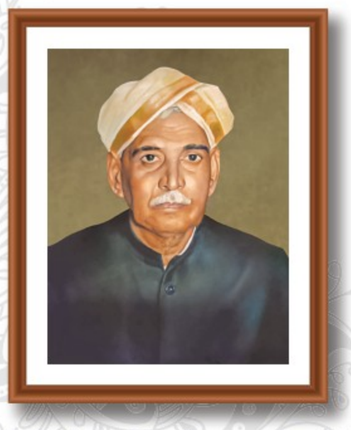

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Yield to serve: A woman with bananas harvested for the birds.

Ripe and ready: A villager puts out bananas for the birds.

Thriving species: Oriental pied hornbills have found a safe haven in Mayong village in Morigaon district of Assam.

Hornbill haven

People of Mayong village in Morigaon district of Assam have come together to foster a small colony of oriental pied hornbills. They believe the birds are harbingers of peace

Ritu Raj Konwar
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People of Mayong village in Morigaon district of Assam have gone out of their way to secure an ideal habitat for the oriental pied hornbill, aiding in the conservation efforts to safeguard the species. Thanks to the community conservation initiative, the village now has a small colony of oriental pied hornbills (*Anthracoceros albirostris*). The small flock, numbering about 30, are nesting and breeding in and around the locality.

"The hornbills have been living in the village for several years. At present there are more than 30 of them. They have become a part of the daily lives of the villagers and everyone is engaged in the conservation of the bird colony," says Nipen, a nature lover. "The good thing is that the birds are roosting and breeding in our village, as they are finding the habitat suitable," he adds.

Villagers have prioritised planting fruit-bearing trees so that the hornbills can get food in the vicinity. They have planted banana and papaya trees in their backyards for the cause.

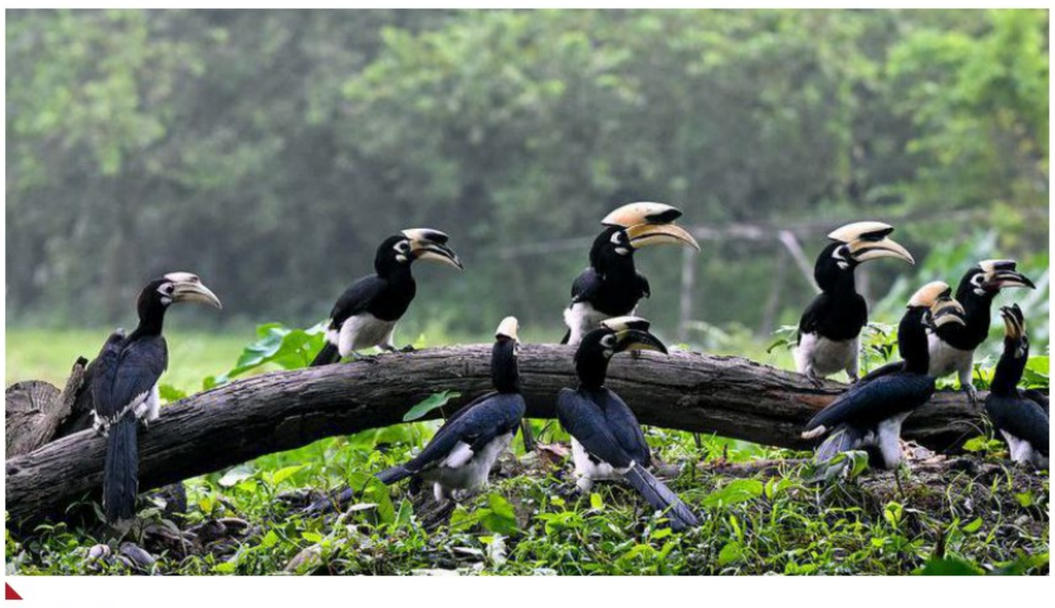
The villagers hold the hornbills sacred and desist from doing anything that might harm or disturb them. They believe that hornbills are harbingers of peace and prosperity for the entire area.

Nested near the Maibong Eco Resort in Mayong, the hornbill colony has facilitated a flow of bird-lovers to the region. The hornbill colony has become a tourist attraction of sorts with large numbers of people, particularly bird watchers and nature lovers, visiting at different times of the year just to see the birds.

Apart from tourists and bird watchers, students from universities across the country, visit the Maibong Eco Resort, to study the unique conservation efforts undertaken by the villagers.

The oriental pied hornbill is a highly adaptable species, which, in India, is found in the Himalayan foothills, the northeast and eastern parts.

Referred to as 'forest engineers' or 'farmers of the forest' for their key role in dispersing seeds of tropical trees, hornbills indicate the health of the forest they build nests in.



Group lunch: A flock of oriental pied hornbills feed on bananas.

Church Street sees dip in business, some attribute it to eviction of street vendors

A few establishments claim the fall in business has been anywhere between 25% and 40%

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

A view of Church Street in Bengaluru. K. BHAGYA PRAKASH

Come weekend and all roads led to Church Street till recently. Known for its vibrant atmosphere and teeming with young crowds, especially on Saturdays and Sundays, the street is of late witnessing a noticeable decline in footfall. And in turn, a loss of revenue for establishments too.

For the past one-and-half months, the street is seeing steady fall in business activities, say owners of establishments here. They claim it is to the tune of between 25% and 40%. A few owners of outlets blame the eviction of roadside vendors from the street (on October 5) as one of the key reasons for the drop in footfalls, while others are still trying to figure out the specific reasons.

One indicator of the shrinking footfall is the shutting down of an upscale pub recently. "The rent is high, and given the loss of revenue, running it was not feasible. In the last few months, business has slowed down particularly. The rent for the space is more than ₹20 lakh per month. Hence we will be moving to some other location," said the owner of the bar, who did not wish to be named. Krishna Gowda, owner of the iconic bookstore Bookworm on this street, told *The Hindu* that a 10% dip in business once or twice in a financial year is common. "But this financial year our store has lost 25% of business. The loss is more than expected," he said, adding that reasons for this were unclear.

C.V. Vinod, owner of Bengaluru Bar, formerly known as Temptation, talking to *The Hindu*, said every day he is seeing a dip of about ₹15,000 in business compared to about two months ago.

Losses are steeper over the weekend. He strongly believes that one important reason for this is the evacuation of street vendors by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). "There were more than 150 vendors on the street and this was a major crowd puller. Now with them gone, we too are losing business," he said.

It was back in 2017-2018 that there was an effort to refurbish Church Street. It had lost its sheen owing to many people finding other weekend destinations, such as J.P. Nagar and Indiranagar.

The Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT) decided to lay cobblestones to pedestrianise this road restricting the entry of vehicles during the weekend. As part of this effort, vendors were allowed to do business too, and over time, it acquired the nature of an urban *jathre* on Saturdays and Sundays.

Vinay Sreenivasa, member, Karnataka Pragathipara Beedi Vyaparigala Sanghatane, argued, "Vendors make people hang out longer, helping other business establishments too. In Jayanagara IV Block, when street vendors were evicted, business establishments at the complex took a beating. The business returned only after vendors came back. This is similar for Church Street," he argued.

Suhail Yusuf, secretary of The Brigade Shop and Establishments Association, said business was not just hit on Church Street but also Brigade Road. He said usually after festival season businesses see a lull.

However, this year, during the festival season too business was dull. Mr. Yusuf believes this cannot be attributed to a single factor. In general, the purchasing capacity of the people has come down, resulting in a loss for business establishments, he said.

BBMP to buy 86 small battery-operated EV sweepers to clean narrow streets

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The city's civic body has decided to buy 86 small battery-operated mechanical sweepers, which are smaller than an autorickshaw, to sweep narrow streets in the city's densely populated market hubs and commercial streets to reduce dust.

Presently, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has 25 mechanical sweepers, which are as big as a truck. These are presently deployed on arterial roads during night time.

However, these truck-sized sweepers cannot enter narrow streets in commercial hubs like the bylanes of the Old Pete area, Shivajinagar and several other market hubs in the city, where mechanical sweeping has been a long-standing demand to reduce dust.

These are smaller than an autorickshaw and will be deployed in the commercial hubs by summer. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Tenders issued by BBMP said that the state government has now approved funds under the 15th Finance Commission Grants to buy battery-operated EV mechanical sweeping machines of less than two cubic metre capacity. The estimated worth of 86 small EV mechanical sweepers is ₹5.8 Crore.

A senior official of the Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Ltd (BSWML) said that these vehicles will be deployed in the commercial hubs of the city by the coming summer.

Once the tenders are awarded the suppliers will have a time of four months to deliver these vehicles. "The dust problem is severe during summer months or when there is some civic work on. These vehicles will be deployed at such places.

Since these vehicles are very compact, they can sweep even narrow bylanes," he said.

Trade activist and shopkeeper in Chickpet Sajjan Raj Mehta said the decision to buy compact mechanical sweepers was welcome. "We hope these sweepers are deployed even in the narrow bylanes of the Pete area. This will reduce dust pollution, which is currently a very big problem, to a great extent and will be helpful," he said.

No fee for vendors to put up stalls at Kadalekai Parishe on November 25, 26

People buying groundnuts ahead of Kadalekai Parishe at Malleswaram recently. K. MURALI KUMAR

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

For the first time, the State government has decided not to collect any fee from vendors who put up stalls at Kadalekai Parishe, groundnut fair, this year. The iconic parishe will be held in Basavanagudi on November 25 and 26.

The Hindu Religious Institutions and Charitable Endowments Department that organises the fair used to collect a fee from vendors who put up stalls at the fair.

Muzrai Minister Ramalinga Reddy held a meeting on Wednesday to review preparations for the fair and announced that from this year, the government will not collect any fee from vendors.

"Kadalekai Parishe has been a cherished tradition for centuries now. By abolishing the fee for vendors, we have made it even more inclusive," he said.

Meanwhile, Kadalekai Parishe has spread to other parts of the city and the fair organised by a private group of individuals in Malleswaram is ongoing.

It started on Friday and will conclude on Monday. Geleyara Balaga, the organisers of the fair, have distributed 4,000 paper bags and 6,000 cloth bags to the vendors with an aim to make the fair plastic-free.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No: CAO/CN/BNC/31/2024
Dated: 12.11.2024
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Hubballi Division: **Hubballi - Ballari Section: (1)** Construction of subway at km. 117/000-100 in lieu of LC No. 66 at Km. 117/600-700 between Koppal and Ginigera stations (Balance Works). **(2)** Construction of Subway in lieu of LC No. 62 at Km 116/100-200 between Koppal and Ginigera stations (Balance Works). **(Tender Ref. No.: KBL-LC-66-62-BAL)**	Rs. 8,69,73,023/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 03.12.2024**
For details log on : www.ireps.gov.in
Dy. Chief Engineer / Construction / Works / Bengaluru Cantt.
PUB/573/AAD360/PRB/SWR/2024-25
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Tender Notice No: CAO/CN/BNC/32/2024
Dated: 12.11.2024
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Gadag - Hotgi Doubling Project: Manufacturing, Supplying and Installation of Rubberized Road Surface at Level Crossing Gate Nos. 46, 51A, 52, 54, 58 & 59 between Bagalkot - Wandal Section. **(Tender Ref. No.: HIGA-100)**	Rs. 1,35,24,953/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 04.12.2024**
For details log on : www.ireps.gov.in
Dy. Chief Engineer / Construction / Works / Bengaluru Cantt.
PUB/574/AAD360/PRB/SWR/2024-25
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LOST DOCUMENTS
I, **Vijay Singh Baid**, S/O Late Umaid Singh Baid, residing in address 152A Block G, New Alipore having a factory shed in Dodaballapura bearing address, M/s Saumas Merchantiles Pvt, Ltd., Plot 7K(part) KIADB Industrial Area, Bashetihally, Dodaballapura 561203.During shifting of our residence I have lost the important document of lease cum sale agreement (2nd Copy) This 2nd copy of lease cum sale agreement are very important for us and it is requested that if anybody find or having possession, return the same to KIADB, H.O Bengaluru. Further, we indemnify that, we have not mortgaged to any Financial Institution / any third person.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No: 30 UBL 2024-25
Dated: 08.11.2024
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Sub Work-I: **Bannihatti:** Provision of sand hump on Road 1 towards Ranjitpura and overshoot line on Road No. 1 towards Tornagallu end. **Sub Work-II: Hubballi Division:** Rewiring of point group relay configuration from 12F/4B to 8F/8B and Provision of Sun board of CT rack Particulars, "p" rack particulars and Power rack particulars at Relay room and Equipment room over Hubballi Division.	Rs. 49,18,238.46

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 09.12.2024**
For details log on : www.ireps.gov.in
Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/Hubballi
PUB/575/AAD360/PRB/SWR/2024-25
South Western Railway - SWR | SWRRLY | SWRRLY

Form No.14 [See Regulation 33(2)]
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
Ministry of Finance Department of Financial Services
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2 BENGALURU,
Jeevan Mangal Building (2nd Floor), No. 4, Residency Road, Bengaluru-560025
RC No. 1105/2019
Indian Overseas Bank, Banashankari Branch, 28, 27th Cross, Near Monotype Bus Stop, Bengaluru-560070. **...Certificate Holder Bank**
Versus
Sri. Mahaboob Basha **... Certified Debtor/ Defendants**
DEMAND NOTICE
1) Sri Mahaboob Basha, S/o. Ibrahim, No. 2/6, 2nd Cross, 1st Main Road, Kengal Hanumaiah Layout, Tavarekere, Bengaluru-560029. **...Certified Debtor/Defendants**
In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **TA No. 1366/2017** passed by the Ho'nble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore on **Dated: 23/02/2019** an Amount of **Rs. 39,32,358/- (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakh (s) Thirty Two Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Eight Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filling O.A.s till realization of the Recovery Certificate.
In addition to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay all charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.
You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on **27th day of June 2020.**
Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below:
"Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.
2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".
3) You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 year.
Sd/- Recovery Officer
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BENGALURU (DRT 2)

Form No.14 [See Regulation 33(2)]
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
Ministry of Finance Department of Financial Services
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2 BENGALURU,
Jeevan Mangal Building (2nd Floor), No. 4, Residency Road, Bengaluru-560025
RC No. 1215/2019
Indian Overseas Bank, Branch at: 28, 27th Cross, Near Monotype Bus Stop, Banashankar II Stage, Bengaluru-560070. **...Certificate Holder Bank**
Versus
Sri. N. Adarsh **... Certified Debtor/ Defendants**
DEMAND NOTICE
1) Sri. N. Adarsh S/o Sri Nagesh, R/at: No.21, 4th Cross II Main, R.T. Nagar, Ganganagar Extension Bengaluru 560032. **...Certified Debtor/Defendants**
In View of the Recovery Certificate issued in **TA No.1705/2017** passed by the Ho'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore on **Dated 20-04-2019** an amount of **Rs.57,63,555/- (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakh(s) Sixty Three Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Five Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization of the Recovery Certificate.
In addition to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay all charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.
You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on **1st day of July 2020.**
Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below:
"Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.
2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".
3) You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 year.
Sd/- Recovery Officer
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BENGALURU (DRT 2)

Form No.14 [See Regulation 33(2)]
OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-I/II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT-2)
Government of India Ministry of Finance Department of Financial Services Debt Recovery Tribunal-II, Karnataka (Bengaluru), 4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru, Pincode-560001.
DEMAND NOTICE
NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.
RC/169/2023 in O.A. No. 231/2018
INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK
Versus
NAGESH & ANOTHER
To,
(CH) INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK, Srirampura Branch, No.1A, Ground Floor, Srirampura, Main Road, Srirampura, 2nd Stage, Mysore-570023. **...Certificate Holder**
Vs
CD) Sri Nagesh S S/o. Jatalingappa, No. 966, 4th Cross, Krishnamurthy Layout, Mysore-570004. **...Certificate Debtors**
This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, **DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BANGALORE (DRT-2) in OA/231/2018** an amount of **Rs.12,06,885/- (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Six Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Five Only)** along with pendentellite and future interest @ 12.25% Compound Interest Monthly w.e.f. 15/02/2018 til realization and costs of **Rs. 15005 (Rupees Fifteen Thousands Five Only)** has become due against you (Jointly and severally).
2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 and Rules there under.
3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.
4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on **05/03/2024 at 10:30 a.m.** for further proceedings.
5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due
Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: **18/10/2023.**
Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 to the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act, 1961 read with Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993(Amended from time to time) which is reproduced as under: "Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the debts recovery officer nor shall be any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.
2. Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter or any debt, divided or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void as against all claims enforceable under the attachment.
3. You are also laible to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 years.
Sd/- Recovery Officer
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BENGALURU (DRT 2)

EDUCATION HUB A Business Initiative

Inauguration of The 5th International Conference on Recent Advances in Engineering Sciences (ICRAES) 2024, themed "Next Generation Materials," at Ramaiah Institute of Technology, Bengaluru.

The 5th International Conference on Recent Advances in Engineering Sciences (ICRAES) 2024, themed "Next Generation Materials," was inaugurated today at Ramaiah Institute of Technology, Bengaluru. The event brought together leading scientists, academicians, and industry professionals to discuss cutting-edge advancements in material science and engineering with a focus on sustainability. The inaugural function commenced with the welcome address by Dr. N V R Naidu, Principal of MSRIT, who expressed gratitude to the distinguished guests and emphasized the importance of research and innovation for a sustainable future. Dr. Harish Barshilia, Chief Guest of the conference and Cluster Chairman of Materials at CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories, Bengaluru, delivered the inaugural address highlighting the role of advanced materials in achieving the goals. The Guest of Honour, Prof. Ashok M Raichur from the Department of Materials Engineering at IISc, Bengaluru, spoke on the significance of material technology in everyday life. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, acknowledging the contributions of all dignitaries, participants, and organizers for making the conference a success. ICRAES 2024 will continue with technical sessions addressing innovations in material technology, sustainable engineering practices, and next-generation materials, aligning with India's vision for a sustainable and technologically advanced future.

University starts 'Ride Safe Revolution' !

Bengaluru has been facing the problem of traffic since long ,but now the growing number of road accidents have also become a major cause of concern. Keeping this in mind, Presidency University in Yelahanka has started the 'Ride Safe Revolution' to sensitize the students towards safe driving. A road safety campaign was launched to foster a culture of traffic safety and responsible driving. With activities like a bike rally, where student participants were seen riding their vehicles with proper driving gear, to a street play, focussing on the hazardous consequences of rash driving, the campaign started off on the right note. The SHO of Rajanukunte Police Station,Mr.Dilip Kumar, also took part in this initiative and gave a strong message on road safety. Presidency University students, through this campaign, also raised awareness against drunk driving and the use of drugs. Pro Vice Chancellor Dhananjaya Madiraju, Director Admin Col. R K Pathak & Chief Proctor Maj. Gen. Gurdeep Narang spoke about their personal experiences of dealing with cases of accidents and how one life lost shatters the dreams and hopes of the entire family. The students at the university campus have also started a club to focus solely on road safety with initiatives like carpooling, organizing first-aid cum accident response training, driving license campaign, reflective sticker distribution, awareness road trips, interactions with experts in automobiles sector and launching impactful social media campaigns which will share survivor testimonials to emphasize the consequences of unsafe driving.

14th Graduation Day at RajaRajeswari Medical College and Hospital (RRMCH) - A momentous occasion.

The 14th Annual Graduation Day of RRMCH was a grand and memorable occasion, celebrating the academic achievements of 405 medical graduates. Held at the ACS Convention Hall the event marked a significant milestone for the Class of 2024, who have completed years of rigorous training, academic excellence, and clinical expertise. The ceremony was presided over by Dr. A.C. Shanmugam, Founder Chancellor of RRMCH, and was attended by other distinguished dignitaries, including Dr. S. Vijayanand, Executive Director; Dr. Sathyamurthy B, Dean; Dr. Naveen S, Principal; Dr. Basavraj Bhandare, VP; Mr. C.N. Seetharam, IAS (Retd.), CEO; and Dr. Praveen Kumar, MS of RRMCH. The program began with a warm welcome address by Dr. Sathyamurthy B, Dean of RRMCH, who expressed gratitude to all attendees and introduced the Honourable Chief Guest, Sri. H.D. Kumaraswamy, Minister of Heavy Industries and Steel, GOI. The Chief Guest was felicitated by the Chairman and other dignitaries in recognition of his significant contributions to the country. The Chairman congratulated the graduates and wished them a bright and successful future. Sri. H.D. Kumaraswamy, in his address, congratulating the graduates acknowledged the rigorous academic journey the students had undertaken, leading to them to this significant milestone. The graduates, alongside their families, celebrated the occasion with immense joy and pride, reflecting on the challenges and triumphs that brought them to this day. The event served as a grand celebration of academic excellence, perseverance, and the promising future that lies ahead for the graduates.

Samsung R&D Institute, Bangalore Sets Up a State-of-the-Art Linguistics Lab focused on Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, Jointly with Garden City University (GCU), Bengaluru

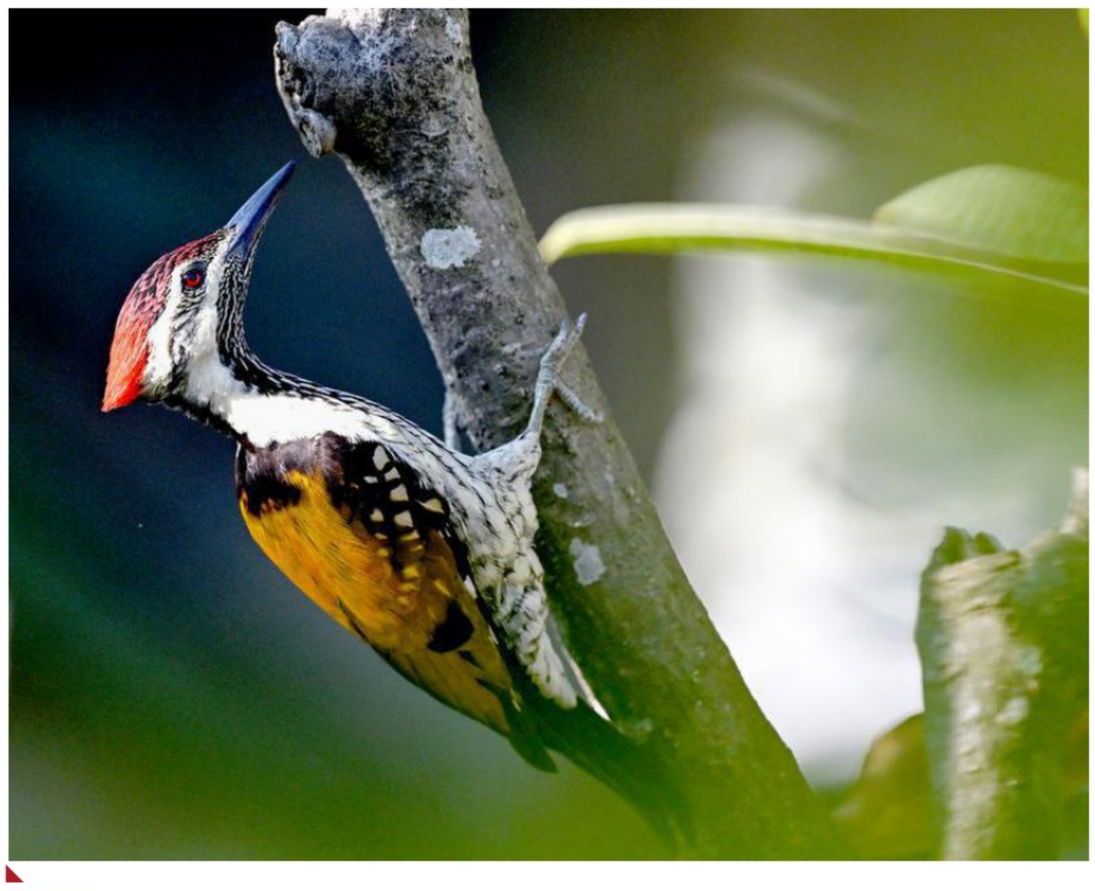
Samsung R&D Institute India - Bangalore (SRI-B) has collaborated with GCU, Bangalore to set up a 'Samsung Student Ecosystem for Engineered Data (SEED) Lab', providing students and faculty an exciting opportunity to delve into the world of AI/ML and data engineering. The MoU signing was proceeded by a ribbon cutting ceremony by Mr Mohan Rao Goli, Corporate Vice President and CTO, Samsung India along with Dr Joseph V. G., Honorary Consulate General of the Republic of Maldives in Bengaluru and Chancellor, GCU. Officials of Samsung India, Mr Srimanu Prasad, Senior Director, Tech Strategy Team, SRI Bangalore and Mr Praveen Kumar GS, COE Leader and Senior Director Engineering, Samsung Electronics along with Dr G R Naik, Vice Chancellor, GCU and Mr Christo Joseph, FRSA, Director- Strategy and Planning, GCU attended the event and shared their expert opinions and valuable inputs on the historic initiative.

Made to order: A man makes a nest with dry grass for the hornbills.

Warm and safe: Boys set up a bird nest on a tree.

All in a row: Jungle mynas gather to feed on fruits. Mayong is home to a plethora of bird species.

Dewy breakfast: A sunbird feeds on flowers planted by the villagers.



Tap, tap: A woodpecker searches for insects to feed on.

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COSMOPOLITAN

MUMBAI BORN Iyer girl 31 Bangalore based Spanish Faculty. Honest, humble, independent, creatively spirited loves reading, travelling seeks Bangalore based likeminded life partner. Contact 9819651385

DIVORCEE

NAIDU 36/MAGAM 165CM Fair/divorce M.E wkg as Sr Tech Lead 12L/well settled CNB 9443484678

DOCTOR

WANTED PG Doctor or well employed Sr. Executive for a PG Doctor-Surgeon DNB, Hindu Nair malayali girl 37yrs Ashwathy, well employed in a leading hospital in Kerala,
Contact: Whatsapp 8144140365

HINDU REDDY Surgeon 33Y 165cms Own Practice. Looking for Suitable Groom From Well Settled Family in Chennai CNB, PH– 89256 40111.

BRIDEGROOM WANTED
Smart, Pretty, Cultured Homely Doctor Girl, MD, Anaesthesiology Specialist from Affluent Family of Doctors 35/165 Father Cardiac Surgeon from Kerala based in Chennai, Mother from Tamilnadu. Looking for doctors or professionally qualified groom from good families
98400 50381 / 98409 85383

DOCTOR BRIDE
Hindu SC, PR, 28yrs / 5.6, Poosam, Kadagam, MBBS, doing MD (Peds), Parents Govt. service, seeks MD / MS ongoing PG Groom, preferably Govt. Doctors.
93630 87847
80560 13678

Tamil Vellalar pillai Girl (24/5'6) Swathi, Thulam MBBS. Seeks well qualified professional Groom preferably Doctor. rajaraman34@gmail.com

Wanted Doctor Boy MBBS/MD/MS/MDS or CA willing to settle in Trichy for a Nadar MD(path) Girl working in Medical College in Trichy. Age 30 160 cm fair No sibling, BC preferred. Contact: 8489691978

IAS / ALLIED SERVICES

Tamil-Girl/ 165/ SC/ 3-1993/ IRS-IT preference same or Allied service/ MS/MD/SS Contact 9445671584/ 7010982328.

MALAYALAM

RC SYRIAN Christian Doctor Girl 31/156cms MS(Ortho) seeks suitable groom Contact: 8089794631, WhatsApp 9443494631

HINDU SC malayali girl, 06/04/1988, MBBS, Central government officer in Trivandrum seeks qualified bridegrooms. Caste no bar. Ph:8589881011

EZHAVA GIRL, MBBS, PG doing, Thrikketta, 30 years, 165 cm, Doctors preferred. Phone: 9446304849.

U.S. SETTLED professional Kerala Hindu parents seek alliance for their U.S. born and raised professional daughter; pretty, accomplished singer, dancer, 31, 152cm, currently working in Southern U.S. from professionals raised/settled or did higher studies in the U.S. Caste no bar. Interested parties please reply with details and a recent picture to: bejeweledsnow@hotmail.com

Vishwakarma (GS) Girl, Avittam, 25 years, 170 CM, ME(Bio- Tech) Native of Kollam, Kerala, Settled in Hyderabad. Seeking Suitable alliance contact: 9346170262, 9849170262.

NAIR GIRL, 28, fair, 170 cm, Only Daughter, M.Tech, MNC B'lore. Seeks Groom, Engineer, Doctor in India. M:9972150058.

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Contact: WhatsApp: **7025300843.**
Email: **ramji13@hotmail.com**

Suitable match for fair, well-settled B.Tech Menon girl, age 29 years, height 155cms, star Chitira working as Software Consultant and settled in Thane (West), Maharashtra. The girl, who is our only child, belongs to upper middle class affluent family with good values and seeks suitable match from decent Nair/Menon boys from Mumbai or Chennai in the age group of 30 - 34 years. The boy shall be well-educated and well-settled in his profession.
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TAMIL

CHRISTIAN NADAR MBBS 32, Cent.Govt 167, Fair Good family back ground. Seeks suitable grooms. 9840377793

SEEKS GROOM from Bangalore/ Chennai, for CSI Christian Nadar girl, 28/160 working in MNC Bangalore 1.30 Lakh per month Ct: 9893392905 / 9589003508, gjas1968@gmail.com

GROOM WANTED CSI Chirstain Nadar, 27yrs, B.Tech, MA(US), Elite business family Ct: 9380791999/ 9841329471

CSI CHRISTIAN, 32, fair, well educated legal professional from respectful elite cosmopolitan family, settled in Chennai seeks suitable well educated Groom with similar background. Ph: 9445417111/ 824–8853323

RC CHRISTIAN Age 33, PGDM – HR Bachelor's in Arts – French/Philosophy Working in the Embassy @ Delhi. Ct: 8130110968, 9818455593

R.C INTERCASTE VANNIAR Kallar 32/165 Divorcee unconsummated marriage M.Tech. Ph.d Fellowship IISc Bangalore 65K need Suitable Groom. 94867 69694 / 93609 59425

CSI TAMIL, God Fearing, Homely, B.Tech., PGDM(XLRI), 25 Years, Budding Entrepreneur, Parents seek alliance from suitable God Fearing, well qualified and employed Groom with clean habits Mobile/WhatsApp: 7200309111

PAVANA RC Girl Malayali Family 29/ 171cm, Graduate From Stella Maris College & Done HR – Loyola College. Settled in Chennai, T–Nagar For More Than 48 Years, Now Working HR in Microsoft Hyderabad Seeks Groom From Chennai or Kerala Working in Hyderabad Age 30–34 Year. 9884185583

CHRISTIAN, INTERCASTE , 33yrs, MS, Software Professional, at USA, Income 1crore Ph.8138901294

CHRISTIAN, RC, 30yrs, B.E, Software Professional at UK, Income 50lakhs. Ph. 8138900553

RC/VELLALAR/24/BE,MS FROM affluent family seeks affluent/elite grooms in Tamil Nadu (prefer Chennai) Mob 9444466802

✔ **1994 BORN** Tamil CSI Christian PG Doctor (AD) Bride settled in Bangalore wants suitable Tamil CSI Christian (AD) PG Doctor Bridegroom.Contact :9003916906

TAMIL

CSI NADAR 28 yrs BE, Looking for IT Professional Groom(Chennai) with Good Family.Ct.9841242355,9321 940618

TAMIL/ RC/AD,26YR,BE,MBA(LONDON) girl wkg in London seeks Tamil/RC groom working in London of age 27–31 Ct–7305762009/asp26498@gmail.com

CHRISTIAN, NADAR, 34yrs, Divorced, MBBS,MS, Doctor Professional at Kanyakumari. Income50lakks. ph. 7356483111

HINDU NADAR, 21/165cm, Poosam, Kadagam, Fair, doing MBA, working in MNC, 12Lacs p.a daughter of Group A Officer seeks professionally qualified Group A Officers/ Business family, Teetotaller Groom. Ct: 6383200515 / chandrasekaran09536@gmail.com.

Vanniyar Girl 34 B.Tech Working as SWE-USA seeks Good looking Groom with decent family. CT:9842283476.

PILLAI / MUDALIAR, 34, MD, Well Settled family seeks Groom aged 34-36 yrs, Engineer/ Business/ Doctor. Contact: 93458 55735

SEEKING NEVER married Tamil/Telugu Groom age(41–44) working in Chennai or US for Naidu Bride–SWE Contact: hemapriya.h@gmail.com/ 9962805093

1993 NADAR ELITE educated business family fair&smart BE, PGDM(France) knows Tamil English Hindi Malayalam Kannada Telgu Bengalure 8310531251

AGAMUDIYAR 30YRS MBBS MD Well educated family background, Seeks Suitable Groom Ct: 9710093999/ 9710091999

MUDALIAR 26, BE, MBA, 162cm,Good looking well settled family seeks alliance CNB, Ct.8778514465/ 7200866346

DOCTOR, ANAESTHETIST, Hindu Nadar fair, 30yrs Uthradam seeks doctor or engineer groom CNB: 9840772648

MUDALIYAR 27/152CM, slim, fair Girl, Bharani Mesham, B.Tech Working in MNC Bangalore as Software Engineer Seeks Suitable Groom.
CT : 6374286360 /9443490931

HINDU YADAVA Tamil,30/ 173 B.E (Arc) Seeks South Indian boy from Chennai Business/ Well Educated, Cast no bar Ct: 98840 30309

KULALA (TELUGU), 27/160, BE, ECE, Uthiradam, Dhanusu, 2nd marriage, issueless, short lived, seeks suitable groom from educated family, working professional not more than 34, caste no bar, Ct: 8075760926

VANNIYA KULA Kshatriya Bride 22 year old, M.Com, Seeks Bridegroom from same caste upper middle class. Bank or Govt Employees preferred. mail id: mbravindran89@gmail.com

HINDU AD, 39yrs/167cm, MA, M.Phil, B.Ed, Ph.D working at PVT-College, divorcee, decent fmly seeks Educated Employed Groom CNB. 99413 35774

✔ **VADAKALAI, ANUSHAM,** Kowshika,33 years, B.Tech, M.S, Ph.d (US), Upper middle class, U.S. Working groom Preferred. willing to relocate. ct: 98944 89074, Srigeo12@gmail.com

SEEKING EMPLOYED bridegroom below 35y for Hindu SC fair, educated, divorced, homely & employed 32y bride from elite family. CNBar 9483542477

HINDU NADAR 32yrs/164cm, B.Tech star–Revathy workg–IT seeks IT/ other profnl groom 9944410712/ 9514952555

BALIJA NAIDU, 29 yrs, Issueless divorcee, MNC, good position, seeks broad minded, friendly, willing to re locate to Bangalore, (Caste no bar)
Ct : 9943043696.

HINDU GIRL B E (mech) MS (NUS) 27 work experience in Singapore, Germany (4 yrs) inter–caste seeks professional groom 9363631558

VISWAKARMA, GS Girl, 35, B.Sc Agriculture, Bank Manager, 9447528352

VK KSHATRIYA Hindu Chennai CA Girl 32/156 having Own Firm seeks well educated & settled Chennai Groom CNB 9500100848/ 9840200907

HINDU NADAR 23years B.sc, MBA Elite business family, Seeks Suitable Groom Contact: 9380791999/ 9841329471

GROOM WANTED Rich Naidu 24yrs, B.Tech,Own Industries and Warehouses in Chennai Ct: 9710093999/ 9710091999

✔ **VADAKALAI, UTHIRAM,** Simmam 26 years, M.A English, M.Sc (Psychotherapy) B.Ed, Upper middle class. seeks working groom from CBE, Bengalore. chennai. ct: 98944 89074

WANTED GROOM for a Post Graduate Doctor, Eye Surgeon, Chennai Based, 33 Years, Kettai Star, Viruchiga Rasi, Mithuna Lagnam, Doctors, Engineer, Auditor or Equivalent With Good Family Background, Well Settled, Hindu, Telugu, Reddy & Non Veg May Contact in Whats App 9941019444 Email: lokyuva22@gmail.com

TAMIL

THULUVA VELLALA Mudaliar Girl 33/ 160cm Krithigai, P.G, Employee in IT Chennai, seeks Groom Ct: 9445505491

MUDALIAR 29/158 beautiful, M.S., pursuing Ph.D Abroad seeks suitable well qualified groom. Ct: 9448511720

ALLIANCE FOR our daughter aged 26 , employed in Chennai height 175cm Fair Btech MBA (IIM Rohtak), Hindu Tamil Vaniya chettiar CNB Nonveg . Suitable qualified Grooms smart fair good looking from educated family. Whatsapp–09362100068

HINDU ADIDRAVIDAR 98 born PG 155 cm employed only daughter, Seeks Chennai based Groom only Ct: 9176146284

HINDU MUTHURAJA, 30/155 / BE / Software Engineer in UK. Seeks Groom in UK . Caste No Bar. Contact : 99444 00307, 89034 21862.

TAMIL HINDU girl 31 graduate inter caste UK citizen NHS employed, Caste no bar, Tamil Professionals in UK / India welcome Ct : 9884273415.

CNB 26YRS BE, MBA(Uk) working in UK, well educated Background Seeks Suitable Groom 9710093999/ 9710091999

Sozhiya Vellalar 1984 Born TN Govt Officer seeks Qualified Groom preferably from Coimbatore. CT: 84891-64665

BRIDES WANTED

BIHARI

36 YEAR old, 168cm, Mohali, Punjab. MNC (16 LPA). Seeking a decent girl. Contact: 8727914121

COSMOPOLITAN

SMART, ACCOMPLISHED, 30, 180, UK–educated, EU–based, outgoing professional. Seeking educated, attractive, compatible partner. Religion & community no bar. Call/WA 9345634365.

I AM 30, going on 31, and a Civil Servant in Manchester (UK). Born into an inter–religious (Hindu–Christian), inter–state (Tamil–Malayali) and Brahmin (Iyer, Srivatsa gotra) family. No dietary restrictions for me. Im tradition–respecting and worldviews–inclusive but with a very open–minded outlook to life. Happy to meet people from all backgrounds and communities but wont do long distance. Talented. Both fun and boring in the right measure. Serious about starting a family and spending my life with the right person. Contact: vishal.manu.1234@gmail.com, +44.7918.636992

32 YEARS MS qualified Vegan, teetotaler boy working in US. Caste no bar. Contact: 7845904135.

ENGLISH

ABOVE MEDIUM height, graduate or above, 1 to 4 years less aged, employed or not Bride needed for Vadamal, Koundinyam, Poosam, 29 years, fair, 183cm tall B.E., Sr Manager – Daimler Coimbatore Groom. Subsect no bar. 9444580645 Uncle Chennai; 9944815994, venkattram@gmail.com Father, Coimbatore.

HINDI

1985/175CM, 50 Lakhs PA, Never Married, Bangalore. WhatsApp: 96290 12248

IAS / ALLIED SERVICES

SEEKING ALLIANCE for Kapu boy preferably from South, 6 feet 1 inch, 30 yrs, B.Tech from IIT Kanpur, Group A Gazetted Officer in Govt of India. Contact: +91 9453045661

MALAYALAM

AGE 35 M.A. B.Ed. High school Teacher.Horoscope and caste optional.Prefer bride from any state ready to settle in Kerala. 9400245879.

TAMIL

RC Groom 38/175 cm fair, BE, MS Senior Software Developer, seeks bride from USA settled. 944457 9156

Christian 48/177 cm B.com Govt job, 1.1 LPM divorcee,Chennai seeks bride CNB. Ct: 88258 97792 / 99406 71540

CHRISTIAN, CONVERT, 33yrs, MCA, software professional at Singapore. Income 50lakhs Ph. 8138900557

CHRISTIAN, RC, 33 yrs, B.E,M.S, Engineer at Bangalore. Income 50 lakhs Ph.8138900316

CHRISTIAN, RC, 38yrs, B.E,M.S,Software professional at USA. Income 50 lakhs. Ph. 8138901189

CHRISTIAN, AGE: 25.Seeks Suitable Bride, Religious and Caste No Bar. Call: 9677216306

CHRISTIAN, BORN Again, 28yrs, MIB, Self Employed at Coimbatore. Income 15lakshs. 8138901281

CHRISTIAN, CSI, 29yrs, LLB, Legal officer at Mumbai. Income 10lakhs ph. 8138901383

RC CHRISTIAN, 42yrs/170, B.E. Software Engineer, never married, works for mnc, Chennai, CT–9500188067

✔ **SEEKING BRIDE** for our 34 year old son, 173 cm, MTech (IIT), MS (US), working in US multinational. Well qualified bride, US settled or willing to relocate. Hindu Tamil, caste no bar. Ct: 9600865587, sivampankajam@gmail.com

SC AD 41/160cms BE SWE in MNC Chennai 14L/Annum Seeking Suitable & Qualified Employee Bride. Ph:6360561521

HINDU NADAR, 27/179cm, Aswini, Mesham,Fair,B.E (CSE), M.Tech, Data Scientist working in IT Company, Bangalore, Salary 19 lakhs PA seeks suitable Bride. Profile send to WhatsApp: 9865258822, 9486730689

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HINDU MARUTHUVAR 26yrs 172cm B.E.,Star Hastham,Working as Manager in Leading Telecom Company, Chennai. Seeks suitable bride from same caste. Contact no: 9444525774.

CNB, 26YRS, BE, MS(UK) working in UK, Well settled family, Seeks Suitable Bride Ct:9710093999/ 9710091999

AGAMUDIYAR 37 BE Marine Merchant Navy Class 2 seeks Qualified Bride – Geetham 9884858014

BITS PILANI BTech Height183 cm Mudaliar 32 yrs Sr Product Manager Bangalore Sal 50 lacs seeks Bride Tamil,Telugu. Ct: 7382620365

✔ **PILLAI(KARUNEEGAR),** DOB:24–01–92, BE, Veg, Job: MNC (Software) Chennai, Annual Income: 30 lakhs. Seeking a suitable bride from the same or any other community. Ph: 9841784047 Email: pingme.arul@gmail.com.

HINDU NADAR 27yrs B.Tech 35lakhs PA, well educated family, Seeks Suitable Bride Ct:9380791999/ 9841329471

AGE 46 Second Marriage Own Business Expectation are Well Settled Divorce Widow with Child Consent. Age & Caste No Bar. Contact: 99625 12829

AGAMUDAIYAR UTHIRADAM 34/180, B.Tech, TCS, Hyderabad, 2L pm, seeks Equally Qualified bride, Caste No Bar. Contact: 8220984182

AGAMUDAIYAR, UTHIRAM/KANNI 35/180, BE, HRM, Job at Canada, Canadian Citizen, Seeks BE,Nursing, any degree bride.CNB.Ct: 9442993042

VADAKALAI SRIVATSAM Revathy Feb 1984 /180 cm MS Ph.D (U S) Postdoc (E U) Program Lead in policy research think – tank New Delhi. Seeking professionally qualified bride. Kalai No bar Whatsapp: 9840603178

AGE 46, 2nd Marriage, Working in Hospital at Qatar. Suitable Bride who willing to come Qatar. Ct: +97433840227 / 9498328263

RELIABLE GENUINE Life Partner Age 45-55 Seeks for Widower 65 Vokkaliga B.E. Well Settled With Own House. Widow or Divorced Also
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HINDU, CASTE no bar, 29yrs, MBM,Business Professional at Madurai. Income 10 crore Ph. 7356483111

TAMIL

NADAR (RC) 27, 178cm,
B.E., M.DES., (IIITDM, Jabalpur),
Businessman, Income 1 Crore Per Annum,
Belongs to an affluent business family,
Teetotaller, Seeking a suitable bride
(Age 22-26) from the same caste.
Groom's father Contact:
96773 41724

HINDU NADAR 28 Aswini BE MBA IIM Ahmedabad 3 Laks Per Month working at Chennai. Seeks Doctor / IAS / Group 1 Officer. Bride. 84388 37195

BALIJA NAIDU 26yrs B.Tech Well educated family background, Seeks Suitable Bride Ct:9710093999/ 9710091999

HINDU, DEVAR, 37yrs, B.E, Software professional at USA. Income 1 crore Ph. 9048444840

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'More hours and less wages, a reality of platform workers'

Given the reduced flexibility available for location-based platform workers compared to online gig workers, looking at both through the same lens results in misclassification, say experts

The Hindu Bureau
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The percentage of workers who earn a minimum wage through platforms like food delivery apps, taxi aggregators and hyperlocal service providers has gone up in the last four years. But the number of workers who had to put in increased working hours in order to get minimum wage has also substantially gone up during the period, said Balaji Parthasarathy, Principal Investigator for the Fairwork project in India and professor at IIIT-B.

Speaking at a seminar organised by the Centre for Labour Studies, NLSIU, he said, "Out of the 1,318 platform workers we spent time with over the last four years, only 21.8% were earning the local minimum wage after accounting for costs like fuel, vehicle maintenance and so on...The number of workers who had to put in more than 48 hours a week in order to make minimum wage went up from about 60% to about 84%."

He also criticised the NITI Aayog report, which termed gig work as part-time work, and wondered how could work that came to more than 12 hours a day be 'part-time.'

While gig work and platform work are often used interchangeably, given the reduced flexibility available for location-based platform workers compared to online gig workers (graphic designers, content creators and so on), looking at both through the same lens while framing policies result in misclassification and confusion, said experts.

The police recently organised a meeting with gig workers to educate them on traffic rules in Bengaluru.
K. MURALI KUMAR

"Platform companies have created the apps, and they have, in their own terms, onboarded workers. This doesn't amount to flexible gig work because the workers are forced to work for a certain duration, their work is constantly monitored, and there are many such compulsions," said Vinay Sarathy, president of the United Food Delivery Partners Association. He pointed out that the terms have been used interchangeably even in the Social Security Code 2020.

According to Mohan Mani, a visiting fellow with CLS, "the platform worker is a part of the organized sector who gets informal wages." Noting that the platform workers do high-intensity work, compromising their health for low earnings, he said that social security for them should cover aspects of both universal healthcare and contributory savings based on the earnings of the worker and transactions.

Not consulted

The Karnataka government published the draft Karnataka Platform Based Gig Workers (Social Security and Welfare) Bill, 2024, earlier this year, inviting feedback from stakeholders. The bill, following opposition from industry bodies such as NASSCOM, was not placed in the assembly.

Babu Mathew, a professor at NLSIU, noted that CLS had prepared a bill and submitted it to the government of Karnataka much before the draft. "Even after this bill was given to government sources, they had 42 meetings with aggregators. They did not invite us to any of those meetings. That is the background in which the law in Karnataka is being attempted," he criticised.

Roopa Madhav, former professor at National Law University Delhi, noted that gender is a key element that should be considered while thinking about social insurance and social protection. "Within platform workers, the conversation is largely about male workers. We have rarely looked at female workers. There is a sizeable female population that is entering these domains," she pointed out.

Appeal to Union Minister

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S.E. Sudheendra, chairman, Karnataka State Bioenergy Development Board, called on Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri in Delhi on November 11.

During the discussion, Mr. Sudheendra urged the Minister to include KSBDB as a member of the National Bioenergy Co-ordination Committee.

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Police book 4,000 traffic violation cases against e-commerce delivery executives in a single day

The Hindu Bureau
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Continuing their special drive against e-commerce delivery executives violating traffic norms, the Bengaluru Traffic Police booked a total number of 4,293 cases and collected a total fine of ₹22.13 lakh in a single day on Friday.

Of the 4,293 cases, 2,318 cases were registered for riding without a helmet, 472 cases for riding in no-entry zones, 387 cases for riding in one-way routes, and 258 cases for jumping traffic signals.

A senior police officer, who was part of the drive, said: "Our aim is not to fine the delivery executives but to enforce traffic discipline." The police had spread awareness before launching the drive, the officer said.

The BTP recently held a meeting with the representatives from e-commerce and food delivery companies to bring road discipline among their delivery executives and also to reduce violation cases.

Rash and negligent driving was found to be the major reason for traffic violations. In order to meet the deadline promises offered by companies, these executives rush to deliver orders. They do it under pressure becasue if they miss the deadline, the food parcel will be given to the customer for free, but the money will get deducted from the delivery executive. Thus they break the traffic rules, putting the safety their own lives and others at risk, said an official.

"E-commerce companies should not fix such unrealistic deadlines considering the traffic and road conditions in and around the city," said a member of the united food delivery partners' union.

In a similar case on November 10, the BTP officers booked 2,670 cases and collected ₹13.7 lakh fines from delivery executives.

Book release

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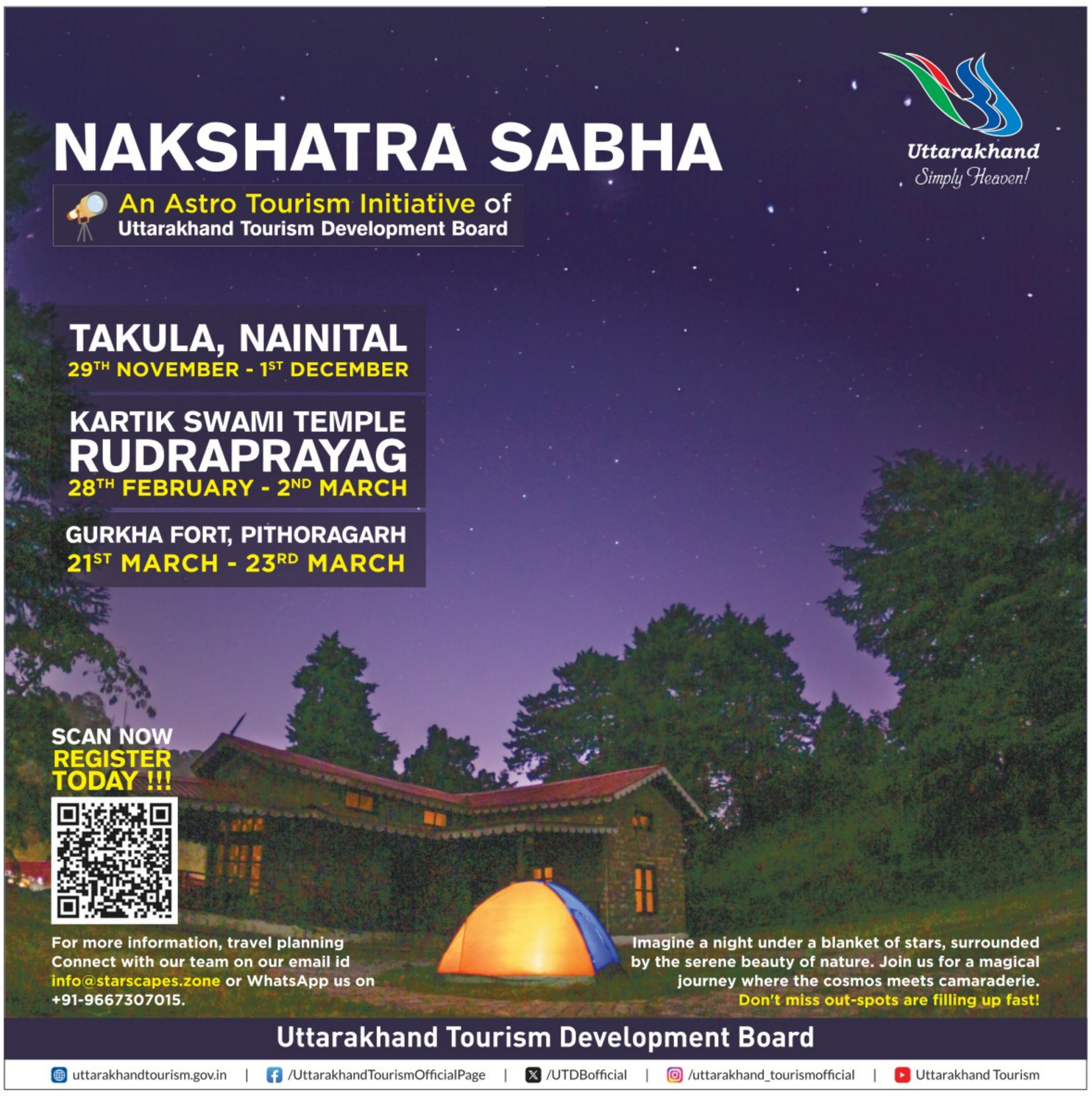
Sahitya Academy, Ministry of Culture, will hold a book discussion and release its publication *Muddled Muff's Musings* translated by Chandana Sri S. It will be held on Sunday at Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs in Basavanagudi at 10.30 a.m.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Three held for disrobing two women in Belagavi

The accused have been identified as Indira Ashtekar, Huvappa Ashtekar, and Manikanth Ashtekar.

In a complaint, the young woman said that she and her mother were dragged out of their house at Waddarwadi, disrobed, and assaulted in the night.

Mr. Jagadish, who visited the spot on Saturday, said that it was an unfortunate incident and the two women were attacked on suspicion of indulging in prostitution.

He told presspersons that the women had alleged that their complaint was not taken up by the Malmaruti police.

"We will inquire into the issue and if the police have committed a mistake, action will be taken," he said.

The young woman from Waddarwadi is married to a man in Maharashtra and they have two children.

However because of alleged ill-treatment, the woman had returned to her native place and was living with her mother, sources said.

Meanwhile, the young woman told presspersons that false allegations were being made against her to force the family to vacate their house. She also alleged that her own brother had a hand in the incident.

Hi Life event to conclude today

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The three-day Hi Life exhibition, which showcases fashion and decor, will conclude on Sunday at The Lalit Ashok on Kumara Krupa Road. It is being held from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Speaking about the exhibition, Aby Dominic - Managing Director and CEO of Hi Life exhibition, said, "It's one of the biggest of its kind in the country, famous for latest trends, creative fashions, wedding wear, bridal wear and jewellery. We regularly present over 250 designers giving the jewellery and fashion aficionados, more choice to shop from. Hi, Life Exhibition focuses on exclusive fashions, exquisite jewellery, the latest trends, designer specials, and wedding specials.

NOC from State govt., VTU must for starting colleges, increasing seats

At present, private engineering colleges directly approach the AICTE to seek approvals for establishing new colleges, launching new courses, or increasing intake, without consulting the State government

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The VTU Vice-Chancellor says only seats and courses for which NOC has been obtained from the State government within the stipulated period will be included in the seat matrix. FILE PHOTO

The State government has made it mandatory for all technical education institutions to obtain a no objection certificate (NOC) from both the State government and Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) before starting new colleges or increasing seats in existing ones, starting from the academic year 2025-26. This new regulation is expected to significantly impact private engineering colleges.

According to the government order, all private aided and unaided technical education institutions must secure NOC/approval from the State government and VTU to introduce new bachelor's or master's programs or to alter admission limits.

At present, private engineering colleges directly approach the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) to seek approvals for establishing new colleges, launching new courses, or increasing intake, without consulting the State government.

'Lenient norms'

Higher Education Minister M.C. Sudhakar, in October 2023, had written to AICTE expressing concerns over its lenient norms, which he argued have led to an over-concentration of engineering colleges in tier-1 cities and a glut of courses in popular subjects like computer science. This, he said, has disrupted the balance in technical education across the state.

Dr. Sudhakar suggested that AICTE should mandate a State government NOC before approving any applications. However, AICTE reportedly did not respond positively to this recommendation.

The State government has now implemented its regulation requiring a mandatory NOC from the Department of Technical Education and VTU for opening new colleges, launching new courses, or altering course intake.

As part of its annual affiliation process, VTU, on November 12, invited applications for the 2024-25 academic year. These include applications for affiliating existing institutions, starting new colleges, and recognising research centres.

Business worth ₹1.75 cr. recorded on day three of Krishi Mela

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A demonstration of various techniques of growing plants at the Krishi Mela in Bengaluru. K. MURALI KUMAR

Business worth ₹1.75 crore was recorded on the third day of Krishi Mela 2024 at GKVK on Saturday (November 16). Over 10.25 lakh people, including farmers, participated in the mela.

Former Vice Chancellor of the University of Agricultural Sciences-Bangalore (UAS-B), P.G. Chengappa, the chief guest, addressing the gathering, said that there have been many changes in agriculture. It should be accepted as an industry. India is self-sufficient in agriculture and food production development, yet 20 million families are below the poverty line.

Mahesh B. Shirur, Commissioner, Centre of Excellence, Watershed Management, said Climate change is proving to be a great challenge for Agriculture and all countries are facing the issue and coming up with innovative solutions.

In this regard, the Government of Karnataka has developed a land resource survey model for 25 lakh hectares of land. These schemes will help in making the farmers financially strong, he added.

Awake brain surgery turns 20 years of agony into a 'symphony' for this guitarist from U.S.

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Music was life for this 65-year-old guitarist from Los Angeles. He learnt to play the guitar at six and took it up as his profession. But fate had other plans for him. He developed Guitarist's Dystonia, a type of Task Specific Focal Hand Dystonia (TSFHD), and struggled to play simple basic chords. After living for around 20 years with this condition, the guitarist, Joseph D'Souza, is all eager to resume his musical career after an awake brain surgery in Bengaluru.

TSFHD is a neurological condition due to involuntary contractions of the muscles of the hand and the fingers, leading to abnormal posturing, thereby affecting the patients' profession. Common examples are writer's cramp, musician's (Guitar) and golfer's dystonia. The prevalence rate is approximately 30 per one lakh population.

Doctors at Bhagwan Mahaveer Jain Hospital, where he underwent surgery on October 22, said the patient was fully awake and played the guitar during the seven-hour surgery to give them feedback to locate the exact place of the target to be corrected in his brain. Discharged from the hospital on October 26, the patient now needs around three months of neuro-rehabilitation.

Doctors said the patient was awake and played the guitar during the seven-hour surgery to give them feedback to locate the exact place of the target to be corrected in his brain. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Career cut short

"I played for a renowned band at the age of 20. It took me places... Everything was going well till 2004, when I started facing difficulty in playing. That was when the world fell apart for me. I developed this issue in my left hand – ring and pinky finger. The fingers would curl into my palm uncontrollably. I had no pain, no numbness, no tingling sensation, nothing at all," said Mr. D'Souza.

"After four years of struggle, a doctor at UCLA Los Angeles diagnosed my condition to be Guitarist's Dystonia. I remember the doctors' words that there is no known cure for my condition," he recalled.

Fortunately for him, in 2017, he came across a video of a guitarist, Abhishek, undergoing surgery in Bengaluru for a similar condition. "I managed to get him, spoke to him about my condition and was convinced that it would work for me too. But I was very sceptical of undergoing brain surgery and hence delayed it for seven more years, thus living with this condition for 20 long years," he said.

Mr. Abhishek from Bengaluru and another guitarist, Taskin Ali from Bangladesh, who were also suffering from Guitarist's Dystonia, underwent awake brain surgeries at the same hospital in 2017 and 2018 and got relief.

All these three guitarists, including Mr D'Souza, were operated upon by Sharan Srinivasan, Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgeon and Sanjiv C.C., Senior Neurologist and Movement Disorders Specialist at PRS Neurosciences, Bhagwan Mahaveer Jain Hospital.

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'Neeti Habba' on Nov. 22, 23

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BENGALURU

The Centre for Budget and Policy Studies will host 'Neeti Habba', a two-day policy festival on the theme 'What is public in public policy?' from November 22.

It will be held at Infosys Science Foundation, near Sound End Circle, Jayanagar, Bengaluru, from 9.30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is inform the General Public that our clients **1). Sri. Murthy S/o Late Venkataramanappa, aged about 56 years, 2). Smt. Devarajamma W/o Murthy, aged about 49 years, 3). Sri. Ravikiran S/o Murthy, aged about 28 years, 4)Smt. Rajamma W/o Murthy, aged about 43 years, 5). Sri. Lakshmisha S/o Murthy, aged about 19 years, 6). Kumari. Rakshitha D/o Murthy, aged 16 years, (Rakshitha is minor represented by her natural guardian father Murthy, 7). Smt. Rathnamma D/o Late Venkataramanappa, aged 70 years 8). Sri. Muniraja S/o Late Venkataramanappa, aged about 60 years, 9). Smt.Narayanamma W/o Muniraja, aged about 57 years, 10). Sri. Mariyappa @ Rajanna S/o Muniraja, aged about 42 years, 11). Smt. Lakshmamma W/o Muniraja, aged about 54 years, 12). Sri. Gangadhara S/o Muniraja, aged about 32 years, 13). Smt. Netrvathi D/o Muniraja, aged about 31 years, 14) Smt. Rajamma D/o Late Venkataramanappa, aged about 54 years**, all are residing at, Somathanahalli Village, Channarayapatana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, have cancelled the General Power of Attorney dated 19-06-2020 executed in favour of **Rajashekar** S/o B.G. Chandrashekar, aged about 46 years, R/at, No. 255, 4th Floor, Vijayalakshmi Buggi Sadan, Bangalore-560032, registered as document No. DNH-4-00065/2020-21, Book-IV, C.D. No. DNHD1040, at Sub-registrar Office, Devanahalli, by way of legal notice dated 12-11-2024 and thereby cancelled all the rights conferred by our clients to the above said parties in respect of the schedule property. The said General Power of Attorney dated 19-06-2020 is cancelled and unenforceable. Further, our clients have learnt from reliable sources that the above said parties are trying to alienate the schedule property or portion of the schedule property, in-spite of him being aware that the powers conferred on him, under the said General Power of Attorney, have been revoked and cancelled by our clients.

In view of the above, the public are hereby cautioned not to enter into any transactions, either absolute or limited in respect of the schedule property with **Rajashekar,** inspite of this public notice. If anyone enterers into any transaction with them in respect of the schedule property, he/she/they will be do so at their own risks and costs and the same will not bind our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the agricultural property bearing **Sy. No. 255,** measuring to an extent of **2-00 acre** situated at, **Somathanahalli Village, Channarayapatana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District,** bounded on:

East by: Karab Kaluve, West by: Land belonging to Pilla Marappa, North by: Road, South by: Land belonging to Madhuramma.

A. MAHESH KUMAR
Advocate
VEGA LAW ASSOCIATES
10, Appaji Nilaya, Venkatappa Layout East, Shanthinagara South, Devanahalli Town-562110

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is inform the General Public that our clients **1). Smt. Akkayamma D/o. Late Venkataramanappa, aged about 50 years, 2). Sri. Rajanna. V S/o. Late Venkataramanappa, aged about 42 years, 3). Smt. Gowramma W/o. Rajanna.V, aged about 34 years, 4). Kumari. H.R. Amulya D/o. Rajanna. V, aged about 13 years, 5). Kumari. H.R. Hindusree D/o. Rajanna. V, aged about 12 years, 6). Master. H.R. Mohith Kumar S/o. Rajanna. V, aged about 10 years, (H.R. Amulya, H.R. Hindusree and H.R. Mohith Kumar are minors represented by their natural guardian father Rajanna. V), 7). Smt. Rathnamma. V D/o. Late Venkataramanappa, aged 34 years,** all are residing at, Hegganahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, have cancelled the General Power of Attorney dated 19-06-2020 executed in favour of **Rajashekar** S/o B.G. Chandrashekar, aged about 46 years, R/at, No. 255, 4th Floor, Vijayalakshmi Buggi Sadan, Bangalore-560032, registered as document No. DNH-4-00064/2020-21, Book-IV, C.D. No. DNHD1040, at Sub-registrar Office, Devanahalli and also on same my clients have executed registered Agreement of Sale in favour of **Rajashekar** S/o B.G. Chandrashekar, registered as document No. DNH-1-01128/2020-21, Book-I, C.D. No. DNHD1040, at Sub-registrar Office, Devanahalli, by way of legal notice dated 12-11-2024 and thereby cancelled all the rights conferred by our clients to the above said parties in respect of the schedule property. The said General Power of Attorney dated 19-06-2020 and registered Agreement of Sale dated 19-06-2020 is cancelled and unenforceable. Further, our clients have learnt from reliable sources that the above said parties are trying to alienate the schedule property or portion of the schedule property, in-spite of him being aware that the powers conferred on him, under the said General Power of Attorney and Agreement of Sale, have been revoked and cancelled by our clients.

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IN THE COURT OF XTH ADDL CITY CIVIL AND SESSION COURT AT BENGALURU (CCH 26)
P & SC NO 530/2024

Petitioner : **Respondent**

1. Smt. Supriya Vishwanath Vasishta, W/o late Dr. V G Vasishta, aged about 59 years, residing at No. 609, FERNS Paradise, Outer ring road, Doddanekundi, Marathahalli Colony, Bengaluru - 560037 **:PETITIONER No.1**
2. Kum. Leena Vishwanath Vasishta D/o late Dr. V G Vasishta, aged about 29 years, residing at No. 832. FERNS Paradise, Outer ring road, Doddanekundi, Marathahalli Colony, Bengaluru - 560037. **: PETITIONER No. 2**
3. Sri. Neel Vishwanath Vasishta, S/o late Dr. V G Vasishta, aged about 27 years, residing at No. 609, FERNS Paradise, Outer ring road, Doddanekundi, Marathahalli Colony, Bengaluru - 560037. **: PETITIONER No. 3**

AND : NIL **: RESPONDENTS**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above named has made Petition to this court under Section 372 of Indian Secession Act-1925 for the grant of Succession Certificate in favor of Petitioners, in respect of the registered patents owner late Dr. V G Vasishta as detailed in the scheduled herein under and standing in the name of late Dr. V G Vasishta who died on 20th January 2022.

Interested parties are hereby called upon to appear before this Court in person or by pleader duly instructed on **04th December 2024 at 11 AM** inform to show cause against the Petitioners failing wherein the appearance will be heard and declared as Ex- parte

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

The Registered Patents owned by deceased Dr. V G Vasishta and registered with UNITED REGISTERED PATENT VIDE No. 8,657,732 B2; DATE OF PATENT February 25-2014; the UNITED STATES REGISTERED PATENT NO. 9,278,231 B2; DATE OF PATENT March 08, 2016 and the EUROPEAN REGISTERED PATENT NO. 2399215 B1; DATE OF PATENT OCTOBER 26, 2022 (validated in Germany, United Kingdom and Netherlands)

Given under my hand & seal of the Court, this 13th day of November 2024.

By order of the Court
Sd/- Asst. Registrar
City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Address for Service :
HAMSA G & MADHUKAR S
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Form No.14 [See Regulation 33(2)]
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Ministry of Finance Department of Financial Services
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RC No. 869/2019

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Versus

Mr. Punith **... Certified Debtor/ Defendants**

DEMAND NOTICE

1) Mr. Punith S/o. Siddaraj, No. 22, 9th Main, 5th Cross, BTM 1st Stage, Bengaluru.
...Certified Debtor/Defendants

In View of the Recovery Certificate issued in **TA/513/2017** passed by the Ho'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore on **Dtd 16-02-2019** an amount of **Rs.38,40,570.30 (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakh(s) Forty Thousand Five Hundred Seventy and Paise Thirty Only)** is due against you along with interést and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization of the Recovery Certificate.

In addition to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay all charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on **7th day of March 2020.**

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below:

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2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".

3) You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 years.

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Karnataka aims to create 10,000 new start-ups outside the city in five years: Priyank

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The Hindu Bureau
BENGLAURU

Minister for Information Technology, Priyank Kharge, said on Saturday that Karnataka is intent on creating 10,000 new start-ups in smaller town and cities in the next five years under the Beyond Bengaluru initiative.

Priyank Kharge

High percentage

We have a target to create 10,000 new start-ups in Kalaburagi, Belagavi, Mangaluru, Hubballi, and Old Mysore region. Many of these places already have dozens of start-ups, but our target is to achieve 10,000 new start-ups in the next five years, the Minister said.

According to a recent data released by the State government, Karnataka has witnessed an 18.2% increase in the number of start-ups, rising from 2,568 in 2022 to 3,036 in 2023. This growth has propelled Karnataka to the forefront, now housing 8.7% of India's total start-ups, the highest percentage for any state in the country.

Ropes in IVCA

The State has recently roped in the Indian Venture and Alternate Capital Association (IVCA), a non-profit organisation that serves as an apex industry body dedicated to promoting the alternate capital industry (private equity and venture capital), to facilitate easy connect and fund access for start-ups, said Mr. Priyank. The Minister said that the State, in collaboration with the IVCA, has brought together 300 start-ups and 100 funding firms to ensure better connect and access with pitching sessions, mentoring, and fund allocation, all in a structured way.

The 27th edition of the Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS) - 2024, the State's annual tech exposition, is scheduled between November 19 and 21 in Bangalore Palace.

It would feature Spring Board, a platform set up to fuel start-up growth through three key initiatives - investor connect, mentorship, and innoverse (innovation), the Minister said.

Different industries

The product launch arena at BTS would witness products, services, and solutions from over 50 start-ups, representing 30 different industries.

"The theme for this year's BTS is 'being unbound', embracing the spirit of breaking boundaries, and reflecting what's possible through the use of technology," he said.

Among the invitees of the summit are Mr. Amandeep Singh Gill, Under Secretary-General, Tech Envoy, UN, Mr. Rishad Premji, executive chairman, Wipro Ltd, Mr. S. Somanath, chairman, ISRO, and Mr. Anne Neuberger, Deputy Assistant to the President & Deputy National Security Advisor for Cyber and Emerging Technologies, The White House.

The event's official country partner is Australia and delegations from 15 countries are expected to participate. Another highlight of the inaugural would be signing of two memoranda of understanding with Switzerland and Finland, and a letter of intent with Sharjah Innovation Authority.

BTS will be inagurated by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Novermber 19.

Boy dies after being beaten by father over phone addiction

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 14-year-old boy studying in class 9 died after his father beat him with a cricket bat over his mobile phone addiction and wayward ways on Friday. The father, Ravi Kumar, 44, a carpenter, has been arrested.

The boy, Tejas, was declared "brought dead" when his mother, realising he was breathless, rushed him to a private hospital on Friday afternoon.

While the family was trying to conduct the last rites in an apparent attempt to hush up the case, alert neighbours tipped off the police.

Interrogation

During interrogation, the boy's mother confessed to what had happened. The police are now ascertaining why the private hospital didn't flag the case as per protocol.

In her complaint to the police later, the boy's mother, Shashikala, said Tejas, her second son, hadn't been going to school for 15 days. He was addicted to playing games and watching reels on his mobile phone and was roaming around with his friends.

She said, "On Thursday night, Tejas asked me to get his mobile phone repaired, but I said I would do so only if he went to school. He then pushed me and hit me on my head, and I fell down. He also abused me in a filthy language. When the father and son began quarrelling, I went to a temple and returned home only the next morning." She said when she reached home around 8 a.m. on Friday, the father-son duo were still quarrelling. He then beat up Tejas with a cricket bat and also bashed his head against the wall. The boy collapsed.

Breathless

The mother, disturbed by the turn of events, again went to a temple. On her return, she found Tejas breathless and not responding properly, prompting her to take him to a hospital, where he was declared dead. She said her husband hid the cricket bat after he came to know that her son had died.

Man charred to death in car

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 42-year-old man was charred to death in his car parked in a deserted stretch of a road in Muddinapalya near Byadarahalli on Saturday afternoon.

Police suspect that he set himself ablaze in his car and ended his life. Around 2.45 p.m. while nobody was seen getting out of the car, it went up in flames minutes later.

(Those in distress or having suicidal tendencies can seek help from Arogya Sahayavani Ph. 104.)

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13	V- 173	3BHK:T-3A	1269.4	1057.6	East	1	V-172	V-174	ROAD	ROAD	76,50,000.00
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16	V- 176	3BHK:T-3A	1269.4	1057.6	East	1	V-175	V-177	ROAD	ROAD	76,50,000.00
17	V- 177	3BHK:T-3A	1269.4	1057.6	East	1	V-176	V-178	ROAD	ROAD	76,50,000.00
18	V- 178	3BHK:T-3A	1269.4	1057.6	East	1	V-177	PARK	ROAD	ROAD	76,50,000.00
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22	V- 293	3BHK:T-2A	1737.4	1488.4	East	1	V-292	V-294	ROAD	ROAD	1,03,50,000.00
23	V- 294	3BHK:T-2A	1737.4	1488.4	East	1	V-293	V-295	ROAD	ROAD	1,03,50,000.00
24	V- 295	3BHK:T-2A	1737.4	1488.4	East	1	V-294	V-296	ROAD	ROAD	1,03,50,000.00
25	V- 296	3BHK:T-2A	1737.4	1488.4	East	1	V-295	V-297	ROAD	ROAD	1,03,50,000.00

Contact: Asst. Executive Engineer: 9886747149

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR e-AUCTION

1. The Auction purchaser should be a Citizen of India.
2. EMD amount is fixed at Rs. 4.00 lakh (Rupees Four Lakh only) per Villa and this amount along with the e-Auction fee should be remitted as mentioned on the e-Procurement portal. 5% service charge on EMD shall be deducted during refund if remitted to BDA's account instead of E-auction portal.
3. Advice letters will be sent by e-Mail to successful bidders (highest bidders) to remit 25% of the total cost after deducting EMD amount of Rs.4.00 lakh within 72 hours (excluding bank holidays if any) from the closing time of e-Auction to the below- mentioned BDA's Bank Account; and the challan for remittance should be submitted to the Accounts Officer, Finance Department ('D' Block, 2nd Floor, Room No.308). In case of failure to remit 25% within stipulated time, EMD shall be forfeited.

   For 4 BHK :
   Bank Name:- Punjab National Bank, Branch: Malleshwaram
   Savings Account Name:- Commissioner BDA Hunnigere Housing Project
   Savings Account Number:- 1261000109038700 IFSC Code No.:- PUNB0126100

   For 3 BHK :
   Bank Name:- South Indian Bank, Branch: Indiranagar
   Savings Account Name:- Commissioner BDA Hunnigere Housing Project
   Savings Account Number:- 0517073000000433 IFSC Code No.:- SIBL0000399

   Mode of Payment:- RTGS / NEFT

   Bidders shall pay EMD 25% from their own bank account only.
4. Uploading of PAN Card in e-auction portal is compulsory (Should be attested by Gazetted Officer/Notary/Attested by Embassy Office in case of N.R.I.). NRI's interested in participating in the e-Auction may do so by uploading self attested certificates. Successful bidders can submit certification issued by Indian Embassy later.
5. Successful bidders after remitting 25% of the final bid amount should pay the balance 75% amount within 45 days of receiving the allotment letter from BDA.
6. EMD amount of Rs. 4.00 Lakhs of unsuccessful bidders will be credited to their Account within one month
7. For more general terms and conditions visit our website: **www.kbda.karnataka.gov.in**
8. There should be minimum of 2 bidders for the e-auction Villas. Single Bidder will be rejected.
9. During bidding, if there is any duplication of Nick names for the same Villa, such bid will be rejected without assigning any reasons.
10. E-auction bidders can download the new e-Auction bidding user manual by logging on to the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** For more information contact Karnataka Public Procurement Portal: 080-46010000 & 080-68948777.
11. Bidders are required to download the prescribed model signature format (in which applicant's name and father's name in Kannada & English Language) add Contact Information format from the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in,** fill in the details and upload it on the website.
12. Joint Purchasers of the Villa shall specify joint name in the Format provided and jointly upload their Aadhar card, PAN card, Marriage Certificate, Passport or any other Government issued documents in the e-Auction portal. Later requests for Joint registration will be rejected.
13. The auctioned villa will be allotted to the successful bidders in the same condition as they are. Bidders participating in the e-auction must physically check the location of the villa, Road width etc., before bidding. Villas allotted in the e-auction will not be cancelled / substituted.
14. Bidders participating in e-Auction are meant to adhere to all the terms and conditions specified above.
15. Regarding the e-Auction, Bidders should contact the Authority directly and should not contact any middle men.

Bidders have to read all the Terms and Conditions before bidding and shall participate accordingly.

For location of villas and other details, log on to https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

BDA Villa related Queries 080-23368435 / 23368036 and KPPP technical issues contact 080-46010000 / 68948777

No. BDA/EM/e-Auction/T-06/2024-25 Date: 08.11.2024 **Sd/- Engineer Member**

A BG-BGE

'Native Cong. leaders' fought racism, 'those of Italian origin' make offensive remarks: HDK

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Escalating his attack on the Congress over Minister B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan referring to his skin colour in a derogatory way, Union Minister and JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy on Saturday sought to draw a difference between what he called "native Congress leaders and those of Italian origin".

On social media platform X, he said, "There is a significant difference between native Congress leaders and those of Italian origin within the party. Native Congress leaders fought against racial discrimination. But now, the Italian-origin leadership of the @INCIndia Congress party is making offensive and derogatory remarks about the skin color of Indians."

Addressing an election rally ahead of the Channapatna byelection, Mr. Khan had called Mr. Kumaraswamy "kala" and "kalia", kicking up a political storm.

Reference to Pitroda

Mr. Kumaraswamy, in his social media post, also sought to draw a parallel between Mr. Khan's remarks and those of Sam Pitroda, Indian Overseas Congress chairman, made in a podcast earlier this year, which the BJP had dubbed "racist". Mr. Kumaraswamy said, "For instance, Rahul Gandhi's adviser and Overseas Congress president Sam Pitroda made racist comments saying: South Indians look like Africans, Northeastern Indians resemble the Chinese, North Indians appear like Arabs."

BJP leaders from across India had immediately attacked Mr. Pitroda on multiple fora, with the Prime Minister raising it at his election rallies in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh in May this year.

Zameer's comment on HDK wrong: Shivakumar

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Terming Housing Minister B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan's comments on Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy as "wrong", Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Saturday said he would advise the former to mend his ways.

Speaking to reporters at his residence here, Mr. Shivakumar said, "Mr. Khan's use of the word 'kalia' to refer to Mr. Kumaraswamy is wrong. We will mend his ways. We cannot talk publicly about taking any action." He was replying to a question if the party would take action based on the letter of KPCC vice-president A.R.M. Hussain seeking action against Mr. Khan.

"The exchange of statements between them is their internal issue. But Mr. Khan must not have used the word 'kalia' and spoken about his wealth... As the president of the KPCC, I deem it wrong. We have communicated this to him internally and he has already apologised," he said.

Facing the heat of inflation, BJP too is promising guarantees in Maharashtra: Shivakumar

BJP in Maharashtra has issued false advertisements stating that the Congress had not implemented the guarantee schemes in Karnataka, says Deputy Chief Minister. The western State is going to the polls on November 20

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Saturday said the BJP had announced guarantee schemes in Maharashtra, on the lines of the Congress in Karnataka, as it was feeling the heat of inflation.

Speaking to reporters here before departing for the election campaign in Maharashtra, he said, "The BJP has understood the impact of inflation now and hence it is offering ₹2,100 for women in Maharashtra. They are also following the Karnataka welfare model. We have offered ₹2,000 to women under the Gruha Lakshmi scheme." Maharashtra goes to the polls on November 20.

BJP's 'false' ad

Displaying the advertisement issued by the BJP in Maharashtra about the Karnataka guarantees, he said, "The BJP issued false advertisements stating that the Congress had not implemented the guarantee schemes in Karnataka. We extended an open invitation to their Ministers to visit Karnataka and see the guarantee schemes for themselves. We offered to organise chartered buses and flights."

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah campaigning for the Congress at Mangalwedha and (right) KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar at an election rally in Solapur, in Maharashtra on Saturday.

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"As per our internal survey, we are likely to win 160 seats," he said, adding that he would continue the campaign on Sunday too.

'Party of the rich'

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, addressing an election rally organised by the Maharashtra Congress at Mangalwedha in Solapur district, also spoke about inflation and lashed out at the BJP for being "the party of the rich and upper castes".

Mr. Siddaramaiah accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of focusing solely on increasing the wealth of industrialists such as Ambani and Adani, doing nothing to improve the lives of the poor, farmers, workers, and labourers.

Mr. Modi has not provided relief to the poor. Instead, prices of petrol, diesel, gas, pulses, and other essentials have soared due to faulty policies of his government, the Chief Minister said. "The Prime Minister promised 'achhe din' (good days), but where are they? Mr. Modi claimed he would curb price hike, yet the prices have reached unbearable levels," said Mr. Siddaramaiah.

When Indian farmers requested loan waivers, Mr. Modi wrote off ₹16 lakh crore in corporate debt. The UPA-I government led by the Congress waived ₹76,000 crore of farmers' loans, he said. "When I first became Chief Minister of Karnataka, I waived farmers' loans. But when the BJP was asked to do the same, they said, 'We don't have a machine to print money.' Yes, all the BJP leaders have a machine to count money, not to help farmers," he remarked sarcastically.

Modi's ₹700 cr. claim

The Chief Minister claimed that Mr. Modi has been falsely claiming that the Congress was running a poll campaign in Maharashtra with ₹700 crore collected in bribes from Karnataka's Excise Department. "I challenge you directly. If you can prove your false claims, I am ready to retire from politics immediately. If not, will you announce your political retirement?" Mr. Siddaramaiah challenged Mr. Modi.

Mr. Siddaramaiah asked, "Where did all the money come from to buy legislators through 'Operation Kamala' in various States? Mr. Modi should answer to the people of Maharashtra."

Indian media experiencing Stockholm syndrome: Moily

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Indian media and media professionals seem to be experiencing Stockholm syndrome, as they forget to react or protest even as they are silenced, smothered or slayed, M. Veerappa Moily, former Chief Minister of Karnataka, has said.

Addressing media professionals and journalism students at the National Press Day programme organised by the Karnataka Media Academy here on Saturday, the former Union Minister, who has handled portfolios such as Information and Broadcasting and Law, came down heavily on the current state of affairs of the media.

Many silenced

"Where are the front-running media houses and journalists today? They are all silenced or killed. Many of them seem to be experiencing Stockholm syndrome, tolerating what is happening to them, unable to react, resist or protest," Mr. Moily lamented.

Senior Congress leader M. Veerappa Moily receiving a memento from Ayesha Khanum, chairperson of the Karnataka Media Academy, during the National Press Day programme on Saturday.

He said there have been attacks on a number of journalists, some were killed, there were instances of fake implications on them, and overall there has been a lot of pressure put on them, in the last few years. The veteran Congress leader further observed that the media was "committing suicide" by not asking questions, yielding to restrictions, and tolerating all harassment, all apparently willingly.

''And those who dared to question the government have been either silenced or edged out of the profession. And that's why India continues to slide in the global freedom indices and on press freedom and has been falling to the bottom of global rankings," Mr. Moily observed.

He called upon young media persons and aspirants to inculcate in themselves the ability to ask questions to the authority, boldly and without any fear or favour. "You are the ombudsman of the nation," Mr. Moily said.

According to Mr. Moily, another challenge the media faces today is that the press is not found necessary by the Prime Minister to interact with and inform, and to that extent the press is deprived of information.

Zameer summoned by Lokayukta police

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Minister B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan has been summoned by the Karnataka Lokayukta Police to appear before them for questioning on December 3 in a disproportionate assets (DA) case against him.

The Directorate of Enforcement (ED) raided premises linked to Mr. Khan in August 2021 in connection with their probe into I Monetary Advisoryponzi scam. While the ED did not chargesheet Mr. Khan, it submitted a report over his alleged DA to the then Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), which registered an FIR against him. However, the ACB was abolished in September 2022 and all cases pending with it, including the DA case against Mr. Khan, were transferred to the Lokayukta police.

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IFT No. EE/MI &GWD D/KAL/PB-1/KKRDB/2024-25/2654 DATED : 15-11-2024

-: SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (IFT KW-4) :-

1) Detail of work: THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, M.I. & G.W.D. DIVISION, KALABURAGI INVITES TENDER FROM THE ELIGIBLE TENDERERS FOR THE WORK UNDER K.K.R.D.B. MICRO WORK FOR THE YEAR 2024-25, 2) Amount Put to Tender : **Rs. 670,58,062.94**, 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Class-I, 4) Details of Tender application Amount and EMD Amount: Tender Fee As Per KPPP Portal E.M.D. Rs. 10,06,000.00, 5) Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications: **28-11-2024 Up to 11.00 Hours**, 6) Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders : **29-11-2024 Up to 17.30 Hours,** 7) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid: **30-11-2024 Up to 17.30 Hours**, 8) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid: **02-12-2024 Up to 17.30 Hours,** 9) Addl. information : Executive Engineer, M.I. & G.W.D. Division, Kalaburagi, 10) Address of E-Portal : **(https:// KPPP.Karnataka.gov.in)**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Division, Kalaburagi

DIPR/Kalaburagi/629/KSMC&A/2024-25

BENGALURU SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office: 30/1, 1st and 2nd Floor, UNI Building, Thimmaiah Road, Millers Tank Bund Area, Vasanth Nagar Bengaluru - 560051.
CIN: U37100KA2021SGC147734, TAN:BLRB21071B
PAN:AAJCB8656M, Email-id: ceobswml@gmail.com

No: CGM(Tech)/BSWML/PR/148/2023-24 Date: 16-11-2024

Notification - Inviting Online Applications for Empanelment of Authorized Waste Processors

The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change in exercise of the powers conferred under section 3, 6 & 25 of the Environment (Protection) Act 1986 has notified Solid Waste Management Rules-2016 in Gazette Notification No.: GSR 451(E), Division-2, Sub-Setcion-1, dated: 03.06.2015 and enacted from 08.04.2016.

Whereas, the local authorities to notify SWM Bye- Laws under rule-15(zf) and accordingly, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagar Palike notified SWM Bye-Laws in Gazette Notification No.: Addl. Comm/SWM/PR/G-/9266/2019-20, dated:20.04.2020.

Whereas, rule-4(3) states about payment of user fees by waste generators as notified in SWM Bye-Laws and also, rule-15(f) states about collection of user fees by local authorities from waste generators.

Further, Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi has also directed and stressed upon implementation of "Polluter Pays Principle" in its several judgment orders issued in OA No.:606/2018.

The bye-law 14(7) of SWM Bye-Law 2020 states that the Waste Generators who do not use the services of local authority shall be required to submit annual return on the amount of solid waste collected, transported and processed / disposed.

The bye-law 14(8) & 21(6) of SWM Bye-Law 2020 states that Any Authorized Waste Processors will be required to register themselves with local authority and hence with its agency as per BBMP Act 2020. Also, states about the details of documents to be maintained and registration/renewal fee to be levied on AWPs.

The bye-law 20(1)(a&b)) and 21(2/3/4/5) of SWM Bye-Law 2020 states about identification of bulk waste generators and availing services of AWPs in case of space constraints for adopting In-Situ processing.

The bye-law 21(7) of SWM Bye-Law 2020 states about the intimation to be given to authority about availing the services of AWPs who has statutory requirements and authorized by the concerned authority.

In exercise of the powers conferred under section 285 of BBMP Act 2020, BBMP SWM Bye-Laws 2020 and SWM Rules 2016, the Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited has decided to empanel the Waste Processors authorizing them to engage with the bulk waste generators to operate for collection, transportation, processing and disposal strictly in accordance with the SWM Rules-2016 and BBMP SWM Bye-Laws 2020.

In this connection, online applications are invited only from companies / firms / individuals operating in the field of solid waste management by owning a processing facility / recycling unit as prescribed in the SWM Rules-2016/BBMP SWM Bye-Laws/SOPs & Guidelines issued by KSPCB/CPCB to empanel them as Authorized Waste Processors.

HOW TO APPLY: Interested applicant/entities shall visit **http://bswml.in/**

STEPS TO BE FOLLOWED/PROCESS FLOW:

1. Visit to website. **2.** Click register. **3.** Enter basic details (mobile number and password are important) and submit - Pop up will follow. **4.** Login page- enter registered mobile number and password- click login. **5.** Screen will redirect to homepage. **6.** Select Authorized Waste Processors. **7.** Enter essential details and upload documents-submit final application. **8.** Applicant will receive an email and Whtsapp confirmation with application Id. **9.** Download acknowledgement.

The calendars of events are as follows:

Sl. No.	Description	Date & Time
1.	Start date of submission of online application.	**19.11.2024 from 14.00 hrs.**
2.	Last date of payment of registration fee	**30.11.2024 till 23:59 hrs.**
3.	Last date of submission of online application	**30.11.2024 till 23:59 hrs.**

A copy of final application submitted and proof of payment of registration fee/DD in favour of Commissioner, BBMP towards registration fee along with all documents uploaded shall be submitted to the office of the undersigned on or before **05.12.2024 within 17.30 hrs.**

Scan here to apply

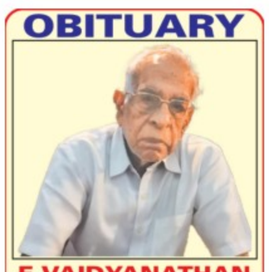
DIPR/CP/3275/AAA/2024-25

Sd/-
Chief General Manager(Tech)/CE
Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

OBITUARY



E.VAIDYANATHAN
(Ex Secy. To D.C. KOTHARI)
16.04.1927 - 14.11.2024

Our pillar of strength, fondly called as Baby by all, has attained the lotus feet of Baba. Those who know him would never be able to forget his helpful nature or his positive aura.

Deeply mourned by
FAMILY AND FRIENDS.
Last rites will be performed at his Gopalapuram Residence, Chennai - 86
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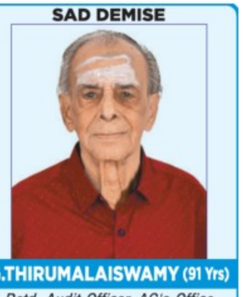
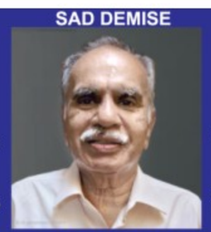
DEATH

SAD DEMISE



G.THIRUMALAISWAMY (91 Yrs)
Retd. Audit Officer, AG's Office
Passed away on 15/11/2024 in Hyderabad
Deeply mourned by
Wife, Children & Grandchildren
Contact: 99494 97932

SAD DEMISE



DOB: 07 DEC 1946
DOD: 16 NOV 2024

T. AMBALAVANAN (77)
(Retd. Chief Manager CPCL)
S/o, Thirumalaivelu Pillai,
passed away peacefully on 16th morning. Final rites will be performed on 17-NOV-2024 morning at his daughter's residence in Thiruvanmiyur. 9840739858

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E-128036/KREIS/ADMN/FOOD/294/2024-ADMN Date: 16.11.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E- Procurement Only)

Tenders have been invited on Dt: **16-11-2024** for Supply of Food Materials to Residential Schools / Colleges under the Karnataka Residential Educational Institutions Society in these 29 Districts with Indent Prefix KREIS/2024-25/IND Bagalakote IND0008, Ballari- IND0009, Belagavi- IND0010 Bengaluru Rural-IND0011, Bengaluru Urban-IND0012, Bidar-IND0013, Chamarajanagara-IND0014, Chikkamagaluru-IND0015, Dakshina Kannada-IND0016, Davanagere-IND0017, Dharwada-IND0018, Gadag-IND0019, Hassan-IND0020, Haveri-IND0021, Kalaburgi-IND0022, odagu-IND0023, Kolar-IND0024, Koppal-IND0025, Mandya- IND0026, Mysore-IND0027, Raichur-IND0028, Ramanagar-IND0029, Shivamogga-IND0030, Tumkur-IND0031, Udupi-IND0032, Uttarkannada-IND0033, Vijayanagar-IND0034, Vijayapura-IND0035, Yadagiri-IND0036 through **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.** in and the last date for receipt of tenders is Dt: **16-12- 2024.** The details may be viewed in the above website.

Sd/-
Executive Director
KREIS, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/3273/Zen/2024-25

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ಸಂ:**CMCG/TS/Tender/SBM1.0 saving/2024–25** ದಿನಾಂಕ: **15–11–2024**

Tender Notification

As per KTPP 2000 Act by the Order and in the name of Governer, Karnataka State Tenders are invite under SBM 1.0 saving Scheme for various Machinaries. Eligible registered bidders are requested to bid in single & Two Cover System via GEM Portal Website **https://gem.gov.in** before the date mentioned as under through Gem Portal only. Manual application will not be accepted.

Further details contact under signed office at Working hours.

1.	Tender Schedule Download Date from	From : 15- 11-2024 To 4 - 12 -2024 at 05-00 PM
2.	Date & Time of Technical Bid Opening	4-12 -2024 at 5-30 PM
3.	Date & Time of Financial Bid Opening	After Completion of Technical evaluation
4.	Application Fee (Non-Refundable)	As per Gem Portal

In case of the Date of Bid Opening happens to be holiday because of any Special Circumstances Govt. holiday, The Next Date is considered as Date of Opening.

Sl.No	Works Details	Estimated Cost (Rs. In Lakhs)
	SBM 1.0 Saving	
1.	BID NO: GEM/2024/B /5590814	**57.69**

Note : Any changes in Calendar of events will be published in gem-procurement portal only

Conditions :
1. Strictly Follow the Conditions as per Tender Document.
2. The Sole Decision of Tender Acceptance & Rejection Authority of Municipal Commissioner, CMC Gangavathi.

Sd/-
Municipal Commissioner, CMC, Gangavathi

INBRIEF

Hyderabad marks the start of eighth edition of Comic Con

The eighth edition of the pop culture extravaganza Comic Con started in Hyderabad on November 15 at HITEX Exhibition Centre. The three-day event was marked by The Creator's Cut, which featured exciting comic book debuts by Holy Cow Entertainment, Bullseye Press, and Savio Mascarenhas, alongside the launch of The Adventures of Kikiboo.

3 sheds gutted at Tirumala

A fire broke out on Saturday near the Pachikalva Gangamma Temple at Tirumala, destroying three temporary zinc-sheet sheds occupied by construction labourers.

According to the police, the sheds, home to three families, were completely gutted, with all household belongings reduced to ashes. No casualties were reported in the incident as the workers were away at their respective job sites during the mishap. The cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained, and an investigation is underway.

Hema panel report: SIT files chargesheet against Ranjith

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the sexual harassment case against director and former chairman of Kerala State Chalachitra Academy Ranjith filed the chargesheet before the Judicial First Class Magistrate Court, Ernakulam, on Saturday. This is the first chargesheet to be filed by the SIT constituted to probe the sexual harassment allegations levelled against film industry personalities in the wake of the K. Hema Committee report. The case against Mr. Ranjith was registered based on a complaint lodged by a Bengali actor in the wake of the panel report.

Ahead of Kerala bypoll, BJP's Sandeep Varier joins Cong.

Dissident BJP Kerala committee member says he left the camp of hatred to choose the haven of love; he says BJP's State president K. Surendran and his team are responsible for his defection

The Hindu Bureau
PALAKKAD

Dissident BJP Kerala committee member Sandeep Varier joined the Congress here on Saturday, saying he left the "camp of hatred and authoritarianism to choose the haven of love." The move comes ahead of the final phase of the spirited campaigning for the Palakkad Assembly byelection.

Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president K. Sudhakaran and Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan welcomed Mr. Varier by offering him tricolour shawls.

Addressing the media, Mr. Varier said the BJP was a factory where hatred was produced from dawn to dusk. "It is a factory of hatred and autocratic system where love and camaraderie have no role. I'm being shamed by the fact that I worked in that factory," he said.

New path: Congress leaders V.D. Satheesan and K. Sudhakaran welcome Sandeep Varier into the party in Palakkad. K.K. MUSTAFAH

Mr. Varier said it was the ideology of the BJP that injected hatred and communal animosity among its workers. He said he had used the extreme forms of language to defend the BJP and nothing of it was personal.

A sulking Mr. Varier had stayed away from the BJP campaign in Palakkad bye-election in the last couple of weeks after he was denied a seat in a party convention.

Mr. Varier held BJP State president K. Surendran and his team responsible for his joining the Congress. He said he was sidelined because of his opposition to Mr. Surendran's deals with the CPI(M). "I opposed the Karuvannur and Kodakara deals," he said, adding that he would explain the issues later.

Top court rejects Vedanta's plea to review order on Thoothukudi plant

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has dismissed a review petition filed by Vedanta Sterlite to reconsider its February judgment refusing to direct the reopening of the company's Thoothukudi copper plant in Tamil Nadu.

The plant was closed six years ago on grounds of pollution. The top court judgment had endorsed the public's right to health over sheer industrial gains.

"The application for listing the review petition in open court is rejected. Having perused the review petitions, there is no error apparent on the face of the record. No case for review has been established. The review petitions are, therefore, dismissed," a three-judge Bench of the Supreme Court recorded in a short order dated October 22. It was published on Saturday.

The review petition was dismissed by the Bench headed by the then Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud.

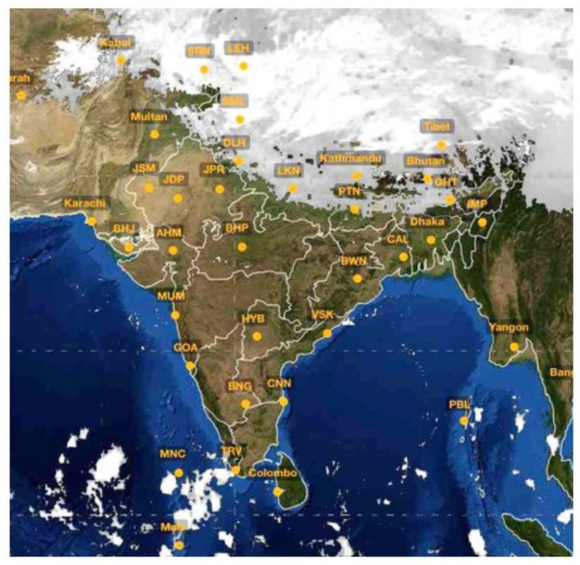
In February, the top court had upheld a Madras High Court decision of August 2020, which had confirmed the decisions of the Tamil Nadu government and the State Pollution Control Board to permanently shut down the plant in 2018.

The court had said the closure of an industry was never a first choice. But the long and repeated breaches coupled with serious violations by Vedanta had left the High Court and the statutory authorities no other option but to bring the curtain down on the Thoothukudi plant.

The 2018 closure of the plant was preceded by nearly 30 years of local protests, which had even led to an incident of police firing.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Sunday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe. Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning likely at isolated places over coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, Rayalaseema, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala, Mahe and Lakshadweep

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	30.5	19.6	Kozhikode	65	34.6	25.0
Ahmedabad	—	34.0	19.5	Kurnool	0.8	33.6	24.0
Aizawl	—	29.4	15.2	Lucknow	—	30.0	15.2
Allahabad	—	32.9	16.4	Madurai	—	32.2	24.6
Bengaluru	11	27.8	20.4	Mangaluru	—	34.1	25.0
Bhopal	—	30.1	12.6	Mumbai	—	35.3	23.2
Bhubaneswar	—	30.7	17.4	Mysuru	8	29.2	21.0
Chandigarh	—	26.6	13.6	New Delhi	—	29.6	15.3
Chennai	22	31.3	24.3	Patna	—	28.5	18.5
Coimbatore	—	28.3	23.2	Port Blair	—	31.4	24.8
Dehradun	—	27.6	12.0	Puducherry	15.6	31.3	25.2
Gangtok	—	18.5	12.3	Pune	—	33.0	23.2
Goa	—	34.0	27.0	Raipur	—	31.6	17.1
Guwahati	—	30.7	19.1	Ranchi	—	26.8	13.0
Hubballi	—	30.0	21.0	Shillong	—	22.0	12.0
Hyderabad	—	32.0	20.4	Shimla	—	20.9	9.6
Imphal	—	26.7	10.5	Srinagar	—	12.2	4.2
Jaipur	—	31.2	17.8	Thiruvananthapuram	3	31.0	25.0
Kochi	15	31.2	24.6	Tiruchi	20	28.7	24.0
Kohima	—	22.5	9.6	Vijayawada	—	31.6	24.6
Kolkata	—	29.4	18.0	Visakhapatnam	—	31.4	25.4

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	7	13	33	241	184	
Bengaluru	9	45	53	48	57	
Chennai	15	30	46	97	88	
Delhi	21	122	107	447	442	
Hyderabad	6	106	53	163	150	
Kolkata	15	34	27	254	184	
Lucknow	7	38	99	331	300	
Mumbai	—	70	52	227	133	
Pune	2	39	49	230	131	
Visakhapatnam	7	37	45	214	131	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Delhi recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 417 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Madikeri, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 12

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Hyderabad Police question former BRS MLA Jaipal Yadav in phone tapping case

Press Trust of India
HYDERABAD

Former Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) MLA Jaipal Yadav appeared before the Hyderabad Police on Saturday, following a summon related to the phone tapping investigation.

He is the second ex-MLA of the BRS party to be questioned about allegations of illegal phone interceptions during the previous BRS regime.

After the interrogation, Mr. Yadav told reporters that he received a notice for sharing phone numbers with a police official involved in the case and confirmed that he had answered to the queries.

Since March 13, the Hyderabad police have arrested three suspended officers and a retired Deputy Commissioner of Police in connection with the case

This comes after another former BRS MLA, Chirumarthi Lingaiah, was questioned on November 14.

Since March 13, the Hyderabad police have arrested three suspended officers and a retired Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), accused of tampering with intelligence data and engaging in phone tapping.

Authorities are also on the lookout for the former head of the State Intelligence Bureau and another suspect, both believed to be in the U.S.

The arrested individuals reportedly intercepted calls of political leaders, a High Court judge and his family, and others, police sources said.

Picture polls

Right to vote: Students create graffiti on a wall at Manapullikavu in Palakkad as part of the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation. The flagship initiative of the Election Commission of India aims at promoting voter literacy across the country. K K MUSTAFAH

Naidu's brother passes away, final rites to be held today

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Nara Ramamurthy Naidu, younger brother of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu and father of actor Nara Rohith, passed away at AIG Hospitals in Hyderabad on Saturday, following a cardiac arrest. He was 72.

Mr. Ramamurthy Naidu had been reportedly battling multiple health complications for a long time. He was admitted to the hospital on November 14 in a state of cardiac arrest and was resuscitated after an hour-long effort.

Despite intensive care, including ionotropic support and an intra-aortic balloon pump, his condition worsened, and he suffered another cardiac arrest on Saturday, which proved fatal.

Mr. Ramamurthy Naidu, a former MLA of the Chandragiri Assembly constituency in Chittoor district 1994-99, was well known in political circles.

He had a notable political career, initially with the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), before briefly joining the Congress in 2002. He eventually returned to the TDP but had remained away from active politics for years due to his deteriorating health. Mr. Ramamurthy Naidu is survived by his sons, actor Nara Rohith and Nara Girish.

The final rites will be held on Sunday, at Mr. Ramamurthy Naidu's native village, Naravaripalle, in Andhra Pradesh. The mortal remains were kept at AIG Hospital Gachibowli, awaiting the arrival of Mr. Chandrababu Naidu.

Kerala's jaggery hub Marayur will get a centralised production facility soon

Sandeep Vellaram
IDUKKI

The jaggery hub of Marayur in Idukki will soon be able to reduce production cost and enhance quality with the implementation of a Centrally funded jaggery production project. Initiated by the CSIR-National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (CSIR-NIIST), Thiruvananthapuram, the project is funded by the Union Department of Science and Technology.

Under the project, which is set for commissioning by April-May 2025, a centralised production facility will be established for the Marayur Hills Agricultural Development Society (MAHADS), a farmers' collective at Dhinducombu, Kanthallur.

Sweet project: A traditional jaggery production unit at Marayur in Idukki. JOMON PAMPAVALLEY

With a planned production capacity of five to seven tonnes of cane crushing a day, the project is designed to meet Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) regulations and achieve international standards.

The new processing unit will feature a controlled firing process with constant stirring to produce jaggery in both lump and powder forms. "The main objective is to create a modern facility that meets FSSAI standards and significantly lowers production costs. The project also aims to increase demand and unique labelling of GI-tagged Marayur jaggery," explained sources in the Science and Technology Department.

MAHADS will manage production and processing, besides procurement of sugar cane from farmers at a nominal fee.

"This new system can cut production costs by half compared to traditional methods, which will be a game-changer for our farmers," said MAHADS secretary K. Indrajith. At present, the average extraction cost per kg of jaggery is around ₹18, a significant financial burden on farmers.

Mr. Indrajith also highlighted the growing demand for pure jaggery powder. "The existing system cannot produce pure jaggery powder, but the new facility promises to meet this demand effectively," he said.

Marayur jaggery earned its Geographical Indication status in 2019.

Annual pilgrimage in Sabarimala temple starts on a positive note

The Hindu Bureau
PATHANAMTHITTA

The annual pilgrimage in the Sabarimala temple has begun on a positive note for the Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB) with the hillock forest shrine witnessing a heavy turnout of pilgrims.

As per official estimates, 83,429 pilgrims visited the temple since it opened on Friday afternoon. The rush shows no signs of abating, as the virtual queue slots are fully booked until November 30.

On Saturday alone, 54,615 pilgrims trekked up the hill till 5 p.m. Of these, 39,038 devotees had pre-booked slots through the virtual queue system, while 4,535 entered through spot bookings. An additional 11,042 devotees who had reserved slots for different dates also made the trek during the day. The temple is accommodating an average of 3,000 darshan per hour.

Huge crowd: Devotees arrive to offer prayers at the hillock forest shrine on Saturday. PTI

Devaswom Minister V.N. Vasavan, who conducted a final review of the arrangements on Saturday morning, said 26,942 pilgrims reached the temple on Friday after booking appointments through the virtual queue system, while 1,872 devotees used spot bookings. The police, according to him, are managing a flow of 80 devotees per minute through the sacred 18 holy steps.

A team of 125 medical doctors have come together to provide free medical care during this pilgrimage season.

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Chaos in Manipur after recovery of bodies

As violence and protests intensified in the valley areas, the Union Home Ministry said, "The security scenario in Manipur has remained fragile for the past few days." At least 17 people had been killed in the State since November 7. Barring one, all deaths have been reported from Jiribam. This mixed-population district erupted in violence this June, more than a year after the ethnic clashes between the Meitei and Kuki-Zo people began.

"Armed miscreants from both communities in conflict have been indulging in violence, leading to unfortunate loss of lives and disruption in public order," the Centre said in a statement.

"All the security forces have been directed to take necessary steps to restore order and peace. Strict action would be initiated against anyone indulging in violent and disruptive activities. Important cases have been handed over to NIA (National Investigation Agency) for effective investigation," it further said.

Earlier, a senior police official in Imphal said three of the six people, who went missing on November 11, were likely killed the same day. "We have informed the family. The husband of the woman, a policeman, is likely to travel to the SMCH, where the bodies have been sent for autopsy, for identification purposes on Sunday," he said.

The Manipur government declared a holiday for schools and colleges as tension started building up in the valley on Friday night after the recovery of the three bodies. Protesters, led by women in many places, blocked roads and burnt tyres across the valley on Saturday morning, triggering panic-buying of essentials before shops and business establishments downed shutters.

The situation worsened when reports emerged about the recovery of three more bodies on the Assam-Manipur boundary. In the evening, the police had to use force to control and disperse protestors as scuffles were reported from various areas throughout Saturday.

Earlier in the day, Kuki-Zo protesters threw stones at security forces outside the SMCH in Silchar, demanding the custody of the bodies of the 10 "village volunteers" killed in Monday's gunfight. Some protesters were injured when the security personnel used force to disperse the crowd.

Probe ordered into Jhansi hospital fire

During the emergency response, the hospital staff were able to rescue 44 of them, including all those in the outer part of the NICU and some newborns in the inner section of the ward.

Targeting the State government for alleged negligence, Opposition leaders asked Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to leave the election campaign and focus on improving health and medical facilities in the State.

"The Divisional Commissioner of Jhansi and the Deputy Inspector-General, Jhansi have been issued instructions to investigate the fire incident and submit a report within 24 hours. The fire department will also investigate. Also, instructions have also been given for a magisterial inquiry into the incident," said Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak, who holds the Health portfolio.

Later, the State government constituted a high-level investigation committee to be chaired by the Director-General, Medical Education and Training. The other members will be the Health Director and Additional Director, Electrical Services, both from the Medical Health Services, and one officer nominated by the Director-General, Fire Services. Their investigation will focus on three points: the primary cause of the fire, evidence of negligence or lapses in action, and measures to prevent such an occurrence again.

Mr. Adityanath expressed his condolences and announced a financial aid of ₹5 lakh for parents of each baby killed in the fire.

Amid fire, guardians mount heroic rescue

They say they rescued 20 babies amid the inferno and chaos in the hospital, picking up children and handing them outside the NICU; family members of the dead and surviving babies stage a protest demanding DNA tests of all children for identification; many remain inconsolable

Mehul Malpani
JHANSI

The fire-ravaged neonatal ICU of the Maharani Laxmi Bai Medical College in Jhansi district of Uttar Pradesh on Friday night. Children could be identified by late on Saturday evening. PTI

Kripal Singh had entered the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at the Maharani Laxmi Bai Medical College on Friday with his daughter, who had been called to feed her newborn. He then saw a nurse running out with a leg on fire.

Mr. Singh, along with two nurses, immediately rushed inside to bring as many children to safety as they could. His grandchild was among the lucky few who escaped. "We brought out about 20 children," Mr. Singh said.

At least 10 infants died in the fire at the NICU of the Uttar Pradesh government-run medical college on Friday night. While 16 critically injured babies are under treatment, one child is still missing.

Dr. Sudhakar Pandey, Chief Medical Officer, Jhansi, told *The Hindu* that all the 10 deceased children had been identified. "Their bodies have been handed over to their families," he said.

Dr. Pandey said one child was still missing. "We suspect that the family took the child home before the incident and perhaps the records could not be updated," he said.

Kuldeep Singh's 15-day-old child was among those who sustained burns. Mr. Kuldeep rescued five-six children on Friday night. His own son, however, was nowhere to be found until Saturday evening.

"Some other woman had rescued my child and admitted him to a different ward. My wife was crying since last evening. A senior doctor called us in the evening for identification," Mr. Kuldeep told *The Hindu*. He recognised his child from a mole on his ear.

Dr. Amit Singh, a PG resident in the surgery department, said when he got an alert on a WhatsApp group about the fire, he and his colleagues rushed to the spot and managed to rescue seven children.

His colleague, Ahmad Faraz Shamsi, said the high oxygen concentration in the NICU might have worsened the fire.

Chaotic scenes were witnessed at the medical college throughout the day with family members of the deceased and surviving babies staging a protest demanding DNA tests of all children for identification.

Parents of the deceased children kept waiting inside the medical college as the children could be identified only by late evening. While mothers wept inconsolably and some of them fainted, the fathers and other family members ran around to take care of the formalities.

Dr. Pandey said the DNA samples of the deceased children had been collected, and if required, the DNA tests would be done on the surviving children.

Arrangements to welcome Deputy CM spark outrage

The Hindu Bureau
LUCKNOW

A viral video showing "sprinkling lime" on the road and "cleaning the premises" of the State-run Maharani Laxmi Bai Medical College in Jhansi to welcome Uttar Pradesh Deputy CM Brajesh Pathak led to an uproar.

The Congress alleged that the lime sprinkled inside the premises of hospital to welcome the Deputy Chief Minister is an example of shamelessness.

"On one hand, children were burnt to death, their families were crying and wailing. On the other hand, lime was being sprayed on the road to welcome the Deputy CM. This is the height of insensitivity," Shahnawaz Alam, national secretary of the Congress, said.

5 Maoists killed, two security men injured in Bastar encounter

Press Trust of India
RAIPUR

Two IEDs were also recovered from a bridge in Gadchiroli district on Saturday, police said

Five Maoists were killed and two security personnel injured in an anti-insurgency operation in Bastar region of Chhattisgarh on Saturday, a senior police official said.

The gunfight broke out around 8 a.m. in a forest in north Abujhmad along the boundary of Narayanpur and Kanker districts when a joint team of security personnel was out on an anti-Maoist operation, he said. Personnel belonging to the Border Security Force (BSF), District Reserve Guard (DRG) and Special Task Force (STF) are involved in the operation, he said.

Five bodies and a cache of firearms have been recovered from the spot so far, the official said, adding that a search is still under way in the area.

Two improvised explosive devices (IEDs), allegedly planted by Naxalites, were also recovered from a bridge in Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra on Saturday, the police said.

One of the IEDs exploded when the security forces were trying to defuse it, but no one was injured, they said.

Two security personnel sustained injuries in the exchange of fire. They have been shifted to the State capital, Raipur, for treatment and are out of danger, he said.

Including those killed on Saturday, the bodies of 197 Naxalites have been recovered so far this year following separate encounters in the Bastar region, the police said.

The police had received a tip-off that Naxalites had planted IEDs on a bridge on the Parlakota river, the official said.

"None of the personnel were injured, and a search for more explosives is still under way. An attempt by Naxalites to disrupt the Maharashtra election was thwarted due to the police's alertness," he said.

Two men to face trial in U.S. for helping Indians to cross border

Associated Press
MINNEAPOLIS

The file photo released by the Sherburne County Sheriff's Office shows Harshkumar Patel and Steve Shand. AP

Harshkumar Patel, 29, and Steve Shand, 50, will each face four counts related to human smuggling at the federal courthouse in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, U.S. on Monday.

Prosecutors allege Patel and Shand were part of a sprawling operation, with people to scout for business in India, acquire Canadian student visas, arrange transportation and smuggle migrants into the U.S., mostly via Washington state or Minnesota.

They coordinated the trip of Jagdish Patel, his wife and their two young children into the U.S. across a near-empty stretch of the Canadian border in January 2022. All of them froze to death as wind chills reached minus-38 degrees Celsius that night as the family from Gujarat set out on foot to meet a waiting van. They walked amid vast farm fields and bulky snowdrifts, navigating in the black of an almost-moonless night.

Mr. Harshkumar Patel's attorney, Thomas Leinenweber, said his client came to America to escape poverty and build a better life and "now stands unjustly accused of participating in this horrible crime." Mr. Shand's attorney's did not return calls seeking comment. Prosecutors say Shand told investigators that Mr. Harshkumar paid him about $25,000 for five trips.

The two men are accused of being part of a sophisticated human smuggling operation feeding a fast-growing population of Indians living illegally in the U.S. Both have pleaded not guilty.

Over the five weeks the two worked together, documents filed by prosecutors allege they spoke often about the bitter cold as they smuggled five groups of Indians over that quiet stretch of border. "16 degrees cold as hell," Mr. Shand messaged during an earlier trip. "They going to be alive when they get here?" On the last trip, on January 19, 2022, Mr. Shand was to pick up 11 more Indian migrants, including the Patels. Only seven survived.

Canadian authorities found the Patels later that morning, dead from the cold. In Jagdish's frozen arms was the body of his three-year-old son, Dharmik, wrapped in a blanket.

Satveer Chaudhary is a Minneapolis-based immigration attorney who has helped migrants exploited by motel owners, many of them Gujaratis. Smugglers with ties to the Gujarati business community have built an underground network, he said, bringing in workers willing to do low- or even no-wage jobs.

"Their own community has taken advantage of them," Mr. Chaudhary said.

The pipeline of illegal immigration from India has long existed but has increased sharply along the U.S.-Canada border. The U.S. Border Patrol arrested more than 14,000 Indians on the Canadian border in the year ending September 30, which amounted to 60% of all arrests along that border and more than 10 times the number two years ago.

By 2022, the Pew Research Center estimates there were more than 7,25,000 Indians living illegally in the U.S., behind only Mexicans and El Salvadorans.

In India, investigating officer Dilip Thakor said media attention had led to the arrest of three men in the Patel case, but hundreds of such cases don't even reach the courts.

Sukhbir steps down as SAD chief, paves way for polls

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

Sukhbir Singh Badal resigned as president of the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) on Saturday amid discontent and turbulence in the party over a string of poor performances in elections.

Mr. Badal, 62, submitted his resignation to the party's Working Committee to pave the way for the election of a new SAD chief, said senior leader Daljit Singh Cheema. He said the party's working president Balwinder Singh Bhunder had convened an emergency meeting of the committee on Monday to consider Mr. Badal's resignation and chart the next course of action, including election to choose the new president.

India and Japan sign agreement for UNICORN masts for naval warships

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

The MoI was signed between Indian envoy Sibi George and Ishikawa Takeshi, a Japanese official, at a ceremony in Tokyo. ARRANGEMENT

India and Japan signed a Memorandum of Implementation (MoI) for the "co-development" of UNICORN (Unified Complex Radio Antenna) mast, a conical structure that houses antennas atop warships increasing their stealth characteristics, for fitment on Indian naval warships under the framework of the India-Japan Defence Technology Cooperation.

Once implemented, this would be the first export case of defence technology from Japan under the bilateral agreement on defence equipment and technology transfer signed in 2015.

The joint statement issued after the 2+2 inter-Ministerial dialogue in August 2024 had referred to discussions over the "early transfer" of UNICORN and related technologies.

The MoI was signed and exchanged on Friday between the Indian Envoy to Japan Sibi George and Ishikawa Takeshi, Commissioner of Acquisition Technology and Logistics Agency under Japanese MoD at a ceremony in Tokyo.

Communication system

The UNICORN is a mast with integrated communication systems which will help improve the stealth characteristics of naval platforms.

"The Indian Navy is pursuing the induction of these advanced systems which will be co-developed by Bharat Electronics Limited in India with Japanese collaboration," the Navy said in a statement. When implemented, this would be the first case of co-development and co-production of defence equipment between India and Japan, it added.

Japan has been looking to export military hardware to some countries in recent years but has strict conditions given its pacifist constitution. India and Japan has earlier negotiated the procurement of amphibious planes for the Indian Navy over several years but the deal never made progress given the high cost and other priority procurements for the Navy.

Modi leaves for 3-nation tour, likely to sign MoUs with Nigeria

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate in the 19th G-20 summit in Brazil that is being held in Rio de Janeiro on November 18 and 19. Mr. Modi left on Saturday for a three-nation visit that will begin at Nigeria which will be followed by his visit to Brazil, and Guyana where he will attend the second leadership summit between India and the Caribbean nations grouping CARICOM.

"At the invitation of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, this will be my first visit to Nigeria, which is our close partner in the West African region. My visit will be an opportunity to build upon our Strategic Partnership that is based on shared belief in democracy and pluralism," Mr. Modi said in a statement. Mr. Modi's official engagements in Nigerian capital Abuja will take place on Sunday when he will receive a ceremonial welcome and hold delegation level talks with the Nigerian side led by Mr. Tinubu.

Nigerian media has reported that the two sides are expected to sign MoUs on critical sectors. From Nigeria, Mr. Modi will leave for Brazil, where he will be part of the G-20 summit. India hosted the G-20 summit last year.

"Last year, India's successful Presidency elevated the G-20 to a 'people's G-20' and mainstreamed the priorities of the Global South into its Agenda. This year, Brazil has built upon India's legacy," Mr. Modi said. The Brazilian G-20 summit will be one of the last international interactions that U.S. President Joe Biden will attend during the remainder of his tenure which will end in January 2025. The summit is expected to draw other international leaders though Russian President Vladimir Putin, who had skipped last year's summit in New Delhi, is unlikely to reach Rio de Janeiro this year as well.

The last part of the visit will take Mr. Modi to Guyana where he will be hosted by President Mohamed Irfaan Ali.

"We will exchange views on giving strategic direction to our unique relationship, which is based on shared heritage, culture and values," Mr. Modi said. He will also interact with the Indian diaspora in Guyana which was one of the earliest diaspora in the western hemisphere.

Maharashtra faced decline under BJP: Cong.

Former Union Minister P. Chidambaram criticised the Mahayuti government on Saturday, claiming that Maharashtra's economy is in decline despite the Congress having built it "brick by brick".

Addressing a press conference, the Congress leader highlighted the achievements of the State under Congress rule while pointing to a downturn in key sectors during the BJP regime.

"The decline is evident under the BJP government," he said. He said the State's GDP growth fell from 9.4% in 2022-23 to 7.6% in 2023-24, while the fiscal deficit rose from ₹67,000 crore to ₹1,12,000 crore. Agricultural growth plunged from 4.5% to 1.9%, he added. "This decline has to be arrested, but it cannot be done by those who caused it," he said.

Senior Congress leader P. Chidambaram at a press conference on Saturday. ANI

Spread BJP's vision, PM tells party workers

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in a virtual interaction with Bharatiya Janata Party workers on Saturday as part of the "*Mera Booth, Sabse Mazboot*" programme, called for focused efforts to win the Maharashtra Assembly election. He stressed the importance of grassroots-level engagement to ensure the BJP-led Mahayuti alliance's victory, urging party workers to reach every home with the party's message.

He advised booth workers to organise meetings targeting women, youth, and farmers while engaging professionals like doctors to spread the party's vision. He described the efforts of the BJP workers as a "*tapasya*" (sacrifice) for democracy, urging them to work towards the "*siddhi*" (fruition) of their hard work as the polling day approaches.

> On one side, the INDIA bloc fights to protect the Constitution... On the other, the BJP and RSS launch daily attacks on the Constitution
>
> **RAHUL GANDHI**
> Congress leader

Revanth hits out at Ajit Pawar, Eknath Shinde

Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on Saturday accused his Maharashtra counterpart, Eknath Shinde, and his deputy Ajit Pawar of backstabbing Uddhav Thackeray and Sharad Pawar, respectively, for power. He was speaking at a rally in Chandrapur district. PTI

> Soren is trying to provide reservations to Muslims through backdoor with the support from Cong. I warn that BJP won't allow such plans to succeed
>
> **AMIT SHAH**
> Union Minister

Battle lines drawn: Shops display flags of various political parties in the Jamtara Assembly constituency in Jharkhand. ABHINAY LAKSHMAN

In Jamtara, BJP frames battle on 'infiltrator' rhetoric

Abhinay Lakshman
JAMTARA

In the Jamtara Assembly constituency of the Santhal Pargana region in Jharkhand, the BJP's narrative that "Bangladeshi infiltration" is threatening every aspect – *Roti, Beti, Mati* – of tribal life comes to life in the way it frames the contest between its candidate, Sita Murmu Soren, daughter-in-law of former Jharkhand Mukti Morcha legislator and JMM founder Shibu Soren, and Irfan Ansari of the Congress. Mr. Ansari won the seat in the previous two Assembly elections.

This framing is aimed at adding a larger proportion of Adivasi voters to its existing base of non-Adivasi Hindu communities across caste groups in the unreserved constituencies, according to workers on the campaign trail. Ms. Soren quit the JMM and joined the BJP in March, saying she was "isolated" by the party and her family. While she continues to go by the Soren surname on social media accounts, she has chosen to file papers as Sita Murmu, as she has done in previous elections. Murmus make up the largest Adivasi community in the area.

But with campaign strategists for the JMM-Congress alliance in Jamtara insisting that the Adivasi voter in the Assembly constituency will not be swayed, Mr. Ansari is holding extensive meetings with communities such as Mandal, one of the largest communities among the non-Adivasi Hindu communities, which has migrated from neighbouring States over the past seven decades and make up a significant proportion of the group often referred to as *dikus* or outsiders.

In this attempt, Mr. Ansari has been pushed into a corner on the issue of implementing the 1932 Khatiyan, which has been high on the list of promises by the INDIA bloc parties. His pitch instead to the community rests on the BJP's perceived insult to the Mandal community in denying ticket to Birendra Mandal, who has been the BJP's choice in the 2019 and 2014 polls; and a promise to ensure government benefits reach their community, his campaign workers said.

About 15 kilometres west of the Jamtara town centre is Dhobna village, which is dominated by the Mandal community. Gulab Manda, 51, says, "I have tried to apply for every single government benefit. Got about ₹1.2 lakh under the PM-AWAS Yojana a couple of years ago but that was not nearly enough. I decided to sell some land and put up around ₹7 lakh more to finish the house."

"Have you seen the number of Abua Awas homes (State government's housing scheme) in Chengaidih," Mr. Mandal asks about the neighbouring Muslim-dominated village. "Eight hundred houses have been delivered there. Do you know how many there are in our village? Just five."

Meanwhile, inside the JMM party office in the heart of Jamtara, local party leaders gather for tea after a full day of campaigning for Mr. Ansari. "You know there is a saying in these parts. *Kutte ke poonch pe teer-dhanush ka jhanda baandh doge to woh bhi jeet jayega* (Even a dog running around with a JMM symbol will win Adivasi votes). All they are doing through the 'infiltration' rhetoric is polarising Muslim and Adivasi votes in our favour," said Rabindranath Dubey. He adds, "We have Maiya Samman on our side."

The recently popular Jharkhand Loktantrik Krantikari Manch of Jairam Mahto, has adecided to field Tarun Kumar Gupta for this seat, who fought as an Independent in 2019, securing just about 2% of the vote share.

'MVA should have had a CM face during campaign, now we will decide after polls'

Former Maharashtra CM and Shiv Sena (UBT) leader says he is confident that people of the State will come together to fight the Mahayuti alliance; he says the Maha Vikas Aghadi has addressed the issues of minimum support prices for crops and more employment opportunities in its manifesto

INTERVIEW

Uddhav Thackeray

Vinaya Deshpande Pandit
MUMBAI

Lamenting the failure of the Maha Vikas Aghadi in declaring a chief ministerial face during the campaign for the Maharashtra Assembly election, Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray said he was willing to support anyone from the alliance named for the top post. "We will not let Maharashtra *drohis* (traitors) come to power," he said, during an interview at his residence "Matoshree" in Mumbai. Excerpts:

What are the issues during this unprecedented election in Maharashtra?

We are fighting this election as this combination for the second time now. The confidence of the State has increased, that it can defeat these tyrants, that it can fight them. Inflation, unemployment, no MSP to farmers, no education – these are the issues disturbing the people of the State. Businesses are being driven away to Gujarat. Maharashtra will fight against it all.

In many parts of the State, people speak of agricultural distress. But there is also a discussion on the impact of 'Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana', through which ₹1,500 assistance per person is given to eligible women in Maharashtra.

Majhi Ladki Bahin is being used as a blackmailing technique. What is being given by one hand is taken away by another. We will give more than ₹1,500, but it won't be a bribe. What the MLAs of this government are doing is, they are telling the women that they cannot come for our meetings if they take money from them. That they will take back ₹3,000 if the women don't vote for them. Our women are being treated like servants, like slaves. We will not let this happen.

Women tell me, they don't want this kind of money. They instead want jobs for their sons and husbands. How far will we go with this kind of money, they ask me. In 2014, BJP had spoken against price rise. Now, they only deliver false promises.

SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

How important is the farmers' issue for your party? Earlier, the farmers' bodies from across the country had given you a manifesto, seeking your support. What is your stand on that?

We have already promised that we will give ₹7,000 MSP [minimum support price] for soya bean. When I had become the CM, I had held only one session in Nagpur. The first job I did was to give a loan waiver to the farmers. Even then, I had given better MSP for cotton, for soya bean. How did it reduce since my government? Where did the money go? In the MVA manifesto, we have addressed all these issues. We will give electricity in the day. We will ensure better crop insurance. Currently, the government is giving money, but the farmers hardly get anything. It is a joke, when farmers get ₹27, ₹45 by cheque. People don't have the money for fees. We will give free education to all.

One criticism against you by the BJP is that 'vote jihad' helped you win during the Lok Sabha election.

What is the meaning of 'vote jihad'? What the BJP does is 'power jihad'. Is that okay? You sit with Mehbooba Mufti. That is okay. You sit with Nitish Kumar, with Chandrababu Naidu. That is okay. If you don't want the votes, declare who has the right to vote in this country, and who doesn't have the right to vote. The matter will end there. You have sat there (in power) for 10 years, and though I do not want it, you will continue to sit there for another five years. If you have the courage, change the Constitution. Say that these people have the right to vote and these people don't.

There is a call by the BJP saying '*batoge toh katoge*' (divided we fall). What do you think about it?

Tell me the meaning of *batoge to katoge*. When I was the CM, I did not let Maharashtra burn, when Delhi was burning. Was it good or bad? I will not let anyone do *batna* or *katna*.

You have spoken about the PM visiting the former CJI D.Y. Chandrachud's residence. Do you think it was wrong?

I am not so big that I can give advice to CJI Chandrachud. But had he been a lecturer, he would have been much better. There is a protocol which needs to be followed. It isn't a coincidence that we didn't get justice for the last two years. Why didn't we get justice?

There is speculation that some leaders from the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena are in touch with you. Can we expect *ghar wapasi* for some?

Yes, many are still in touch. But I will not take them. Many realise that they have made a mistake, are willing to publicly apologise. But I have told them that others have already taken their place. I don't want people with price tags.

The MVA hasn't given a CM candidate despite your initial requests. Now, Sharad Pawar says that the CM position will be given to the party which gets the highest number of seats.

That time is gone. I believe, a face should have been given then. Now, we will decide together after the election. We will not let any Maharashtra *drohi* (traitor) come to power.

I will support anyone who will be proposed for the CM position – Supriya Sule, Rajendra Shingne, Nilesh Lanke, Jitendra Awhad, anyone.

Fatigue with Fadnavis? Nagpur South West weighs options after giving him five terms

GROUND REPORT

Abhinay Deshpande
NAGPUR

On the outskirts of Nagpur, along the bustling National Highway 44 and just a few kilometres from the Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport, stands Sunita Kosare's half-demolished house. Authorities partially razed 18 houses, including hers, for widening a road for the construction of a flyover a few years ago, leaving them to live in what remains – a structure covered with tin sheets.

"Not just my house; 18 houses were bulldozed in 2018 when Devendra Fadnavis was the Chief Minister," said Ms. Kosare, cautiously crossing the highway to show the remnants of the demolished houses. "They razed our homes overnight, called us encroachers, but promised us *pucca* houses. Governments have come and gone, elections are here again, but we are still waiting."

Her voice trembles as she recalls the day their homes were torn down. "Tears well up when I think about it," she said, pointing to the rows of such houses without electricity and gathering others affected to share their plight. A domestic worker and member of the BJP's women's wing, Ms. Kosare said she had been a loyal *karyakarta* and voter for over 15 years. However, she feels abandoned. "Our own party has made us homeless since 2018. I confronted Mr. Fadnavis when he came to a nearby locality last week asking for votes," she said.

Tight race: Sunita Kosare pointing to a partially demolished house along with National Highway outside Nagpur. ABHINAY DESHPANDE

In the Lok Sabha polls, the margin of Nitin Gadkari fell by over 21,000 votes in the area

Chinchbhavan, where these homes were demolished, falls in the Nagpur South West Assembly constituency (carved out of the West constituency after delimitation in 2009), a BJP bastion held by Mr. Fadnavis since 1999. It became home to key establishments such as the Multi-Modal International Cargo Hub and Airport, an All India Institute of Medical Sciences, and the Indian Institute of Management, Nagpur.

Mr. Fadnavis, a two-term Chief Minister and Maharashtra's current Deputy CM, is seeking a sixth term from his home turf. Speculation is rife about his potential return to the Chief Minister's post if the Mahayuti comes back to power. However, his opponent, Congress candidate Praful Gudadhe-Patil, is capitalising on a so-called anti-incumbency trend, Mr. Fadnavis's alleged inaccessibility, and voters' frustration over unemployment and rising prices, apart from civic issues. Vinay Bhange of the Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi, Surendra Dongre of the BSP and others are in the fray. The constituency is expected to see a direct contest between the BJP and Congress.

While Mr. Fadnavis campaigns on a development plank, unresolved civic issues dominate voter concerns. A resident of Manish Nagar, choosing to remain anonymous, pointed to damaged roads, irregular water supply, power cuts, poor sanitation, and even stray dog menace, which have been worsened with no elected corporators. "Though he is the DCM with bigger issues to handle, we are frustrated as there is no one to resolve the civic issues, as there are no corporators due to no elections, and we can't approach him," he said.

Flooding during last year's monsoon has fuelled discontent. In a constituency with over four lakh voters – two lakh each of men and women – many are grappling with the fallout of these civic failures.

Hiralal Bobde and his friend Nilkanth Rao Zade, both in their late 60s, also from Chinchbhavan, feel Mr. Fadnavis will win, but there will be a tough fight.

A distance away in Laxmi Nagar, Pramod Deo, remains confident of the BJP leader's victory. "Despite issues and so-called anti-incumbency trend, he will win," said Mr. Deo.

For the first time, this BJP bastion may witness a tighter race. According to Vivek Deshpande, a senior journalist and political observer from Nagpur, "Mr. Fadnavis is unlikely to lose, but this election won't be a cakewalk." He highlighted the possibility of a Dalit-Kunbi voter consolidation benefiting Mr. Gudadhe-Patil, a Kunbi community leader. "But, again, the BJP leader enjoys the strong support of the Kunbis and Dalits in the constituency who are most likely to vote in the saffron party's favour," he said.

The constituency's demographics include approximately 90,000 Dalit, 72,000 Kunbi, 70,000 Brahmin and 40,000 Teli voters. This diverse voter base could influence the outcome, particularly with dissatisfaction brewing.

In the Lok Sabha polls, the margin of BJP's Nitin Gadkari was reduced by over 21,000 votes in the area, a potential warning sign, that party leaders are trying to address.

EC seeks replies from BJP, Cong. on MCC violations

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission (EC) has sought responses from the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Congress to the complaints accusing their star campaigners of violating the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) during the election campaign.

The parties have been asked to send their replies by 1 p.m. on Monday.

Quoting Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's November 6 speech in Mumbai, the BJP accused him of violating the MCC. The complaint said Mr. Gandhi "made totally unverified claims and distorted the truth by stating that Apple's iPhones and Boeing's airplanes are being manufactured in other States of the country at the expense of State of Maharashtra".

The Congress has made allegations related to certain speeches by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Minister Amit Shah.

It said in his speech dated November 8 in Nashik, Mr. Modi "made a series of false, malicious, and slanderous statements" targeting the party and its allies. It also complained against Mr. Shah's speech in Dhanbad (Jharkhand) on November 12.

INBRIEF

Over 10 lakh seniors enrol in Ayushman Vay Vandana

More than 10 lakh senior citizens aged 70 and above have enrolled for the newly launched Ayushman Vay Vandana, enabling them to access free healthcare benefits under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY). Releasing the figures on Saturday, the Ministry noted that the enrolment has been achieved within three weeks of the scheme's rollout by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 29. Women account for around 4 lakh enrolments under the scheme. Since the launch of the Ayushman Vay Vandana card, treatments worth over ₹9 crore have been authorised, said the Ministry in its release.

J&K Opposition targets NC for Congress take on Article 370

Jammu and Kashmir Opposition parties on Saturday targeted the ruling National Conference (NC) over its ally Congress's position on the resolution passed recently in the Assembly seeking restoration of the special status of J&K. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, at a press meet in Pune on Thursday, said, "Amit Shah claims the Congress wants to bring back Article 370, but who in the Congress ever stated this?" PDP president Mehbooba Mufti said, "The NC and Congress government should clarify their stand." J&K Peoples Conference president Sajad Lone has also asked the National Conference to come clean on the issue.

Trinamool councillor survives 'murder attempt' in Kolkata

Sushanta Ghosh, Trinamool Congress councillor from South Kolkata's Kasba, narrowly escaped a murder attempt on Friday evening after the shooter's gun misfired. "The case is under investigation. So far, two people have been caught in connection with this incident and further action is being taken," Kolkata Police Commissioner Manoj Kumar Verma said on Saturday. "Of the two accused, the man holding the weapon has been found to be a resident of Bihar's Vaishali." On Saturday, police officials said they have also detained the alleged 'mastermind' behind the incident. They added that more suspects are being investigated.

17 families left homeless in fire at timber factory in Kolkata

Several warehouses and homes were gutted in a massive fire on Maharshi Debendranath Road in north Kolkata. Many people have been left homeless in the fire which began during the early hours of Friday around 2.15 a.m. Over 20 fire engines were rushed to the spot, and they tried to douse the flames for over nine hours. Since the locality is congested, the fire could not be controlled sooner. Over 17 families have been left homeless. The cause of the fire has not been ascertained yet. Minister of Women and Child Development and Social Welfare Shashi Panja reached the spot and assured the people who became homeless in the tragedy of rehabilitation.

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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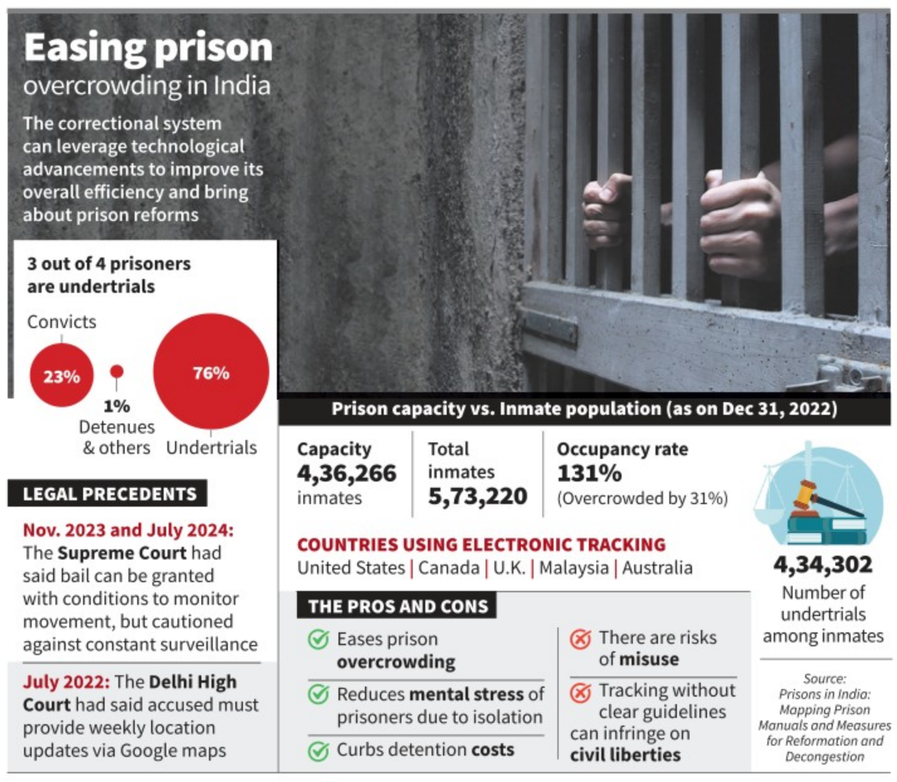
Electronically track undertrials to cut crowding of jails: SC body

In a report, Centre for Research and Planning says usefulness of tracking technology as a substitute for prison incarceration cannot be undermined; countries such as the U.S., Canada, the U.K., Malaysia, Australia have been using electronic devices

Soibam Rocky Singh
NEW DELHI

As the prison system in India faces significant challenges, with overcrowding being a pressing issue, a recent report by the Supreme Court's Centre for Research and Planning has called for launching pilot programmes to use electronic tracking devices for releasing undertrial prisoners to ease prison overcrowding.

The report, "Prisons in India – mapping prison manuals and measures for reformation and decongestion", released by President Droupadi Murmu on November 5, says: "In India, to assess community readiness, a pilot run of electronic monitoring may be done firstly on low and moderate risk UTPs [undertrial prisoners] having good conduct, who may be released on prison leaves like parole or furlough. Depending on the success rate of the use of technology in offender management, it may later be extended to other prisoners."


Easing prison
overcrowding in India
The correctional system can leverage technological advancements to improve its overall efficiency and bring about prison reforms
3 out of 4 prisoners are undertrials
Convicts
23%
1%
Detenues & others
76%
Undertrials
LEGAL PRECEDENTS
Nov. 2023 and July 2024: The Supreme Court had said bail can be granted with conditions to monitor movement, but cautioned against constant surveillance
July 2022: The Delhi High Court had said accused must provide weekly location updates via Google maps
Prison capacity vs. Inmate population (as on Dec 31, 2022)
Capacity 4,36,266 inmates
Total inmates 5,73,220
Occupancy rate 131% (Overcrowded by 31%)
COUNTRIES USING ELECTRONIC TRACKING
United States | Canada | U.K. | Malaysia | Australia
THE PROS AND CONS
Eases prison overcrowding
Reduces mental stress of prisoners due to isolation
Curbs detention costs
There are risks of misuse
Tracking without clear guidelines can infringe on civil liberties
4,34,302
Number of undertrials among inmates
Source: Prisons in India: Mapping Prison Manuals and Measures for Reformation and Decongestion

NCRB statistics

The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) says that on December 31, 2022, the number of inmates in all jails across India was 5,73,220, but the total capacity is 4,36,266, a 131% occupancy rate. Additionally, 4,34,302 inmates (75.7%) are awaiting trial.

The report said countries such as the U.S., Canada, the U.K., Malaysia, and Australia have been using electronic tracking devices.

In May 2023, the Home Ministry forwarded the Model Prisons and Correctional Services Act, 2023 to all States and Union Territories for adoption. For the first time, the Act introduced the use of electronic tracking devices on prisoners. "Prisoners may be granted prison leave on the condition of their willingness to wear electronic tracking devices for monitoring the movement and activities of such prisoners," it said.

In July 2022, the Delhi High Court passed a bail order with one of the bail conditions set for the accused, in a case of forgery and cheating, to drop his live location every week on Google Maps to ensure that his location was available to the police. In November 2023, the Supreme Court released an accused on bail, subject to the conditions that he would not go beyond the Alwar district of Rajasthan and would make his location available through mobile phone by pairing it with the mobile phone of the investigating officer round the clock.

While various High Courts have imposed similar bail conditions, the Supreme Court, in a judgment on July 8, 2024, disapproved of this practice. "The object of the bail condition cannot be to keep a constant vigil on the movements of the accused enlarged on bail," it said.

Safeguards needed

"Nevertheless, the usefulness of tracking technology as a substitute for prison incarceration cannot be undermined," the report noted. It added that any kind of surveillance by the State to achieve the objective of prison decongestion must come with safeguards and guidelines.

"Good conduct and potential for reform may be incentivised by consensually allowing the UTPs/convicts to be released on prison leaves like parole, or furlough on the condition of wearing a tracker device to obviate any chance of escape," the report said.

Advocate Ajay Verma, who has worked extensively on issues of human rights, crime, and prison reforms, told *The Hindu* that he welcomed the use of tracking devices as "a very good initiative".

"The prison is already overcrowded and there is a big gap in the family visits, and the prisoners get lot of mental stress, besides the inconvenience," Mr. Verma said. He said using tracking devices to monitor individuals, rather than keeping them confined in jails, would not only ease the burden on prison infrastructure but also help mitigate the mental stress that prisoners face.

Advocate Anant Asthana, another legal expert, expressed reservations about institutionalising the practice universally, warning of potential misuse and infringement of civil liberties. "The idea of electronic tracking cannot be and should not be prescribed for universal application as it may not serve any purpose in most cases and it may not even be workable in some cases, and its universal application can also be misused against people who are granted bail by courts," he told *The Hindu*.

Rice shortage caused mango kernel deaths, say activists

The Hindu Bureau
BHUBANESWAR

Activists have voiced concern over the shortage of subsidised rice in Kandhamal district of Odisha where two women died recently after consuming gruel made of mango kernel.

A four-member fact-finding team commissioned by the Odisha Khadya Adhikar Abhiyan (Odisha State Right to Food and Work Campaign) with support from the Civil Society Forum on Human Rights (CSFHR) had visited Mandipanka village, where the two deaths took place. The team says shortage of foodgrains (rice) forced the two women of Mandipanka village in Daringbadi block to eat gruel made of fungus-infected mango kernel on October 30.

The report said, "The subsidised rice [five kg per person per month] provided to marginal families under the public distribution system [PDS] is insufficient. The rice lasts only for 15-17 days. When rice starts depleting, they mix rice with mango kernel or *mandia* [millet] or sometimes eat only mango kernel gruel."

"The families were supposed to get rice in October but they did not. The PDS rice was supplied only on November 3," the team said.

As per the findings, there is limited or no work in the village. Besides, it was found that the names of a few women and children were not included in the PDS ration cards.

ICMR-NIN scientists do gene profiles in poultry

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

For the first time, Indian scientists have reported antimicrobial resistance (AMR) gene profiles in poultry from Kerala and Telangana, and have cautioned that the emerging resistance can get aggravated by the depleting antibiotics repertoire.

This has been stated in a recently published paper, "The antimicrobial resistance profile in poultry of central and southern India is evolving with distinct features", which was recently published in Comparative Immunology, Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, by the Drug Safety Division, ICMR-National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad.

Shobi Veleri, one of the authors of the paper, said that while central and southern India were predicted as emerging hotspots for AMR in poultry there was no data available to substantiate it.

"To this end, we collected chicken faeces from poultry farms in these regions and isolated genomic DNA. The samples exhibited a higher prevalence of gram-negative and anaerobic species. These deadly species have an extra layer of cell membrane protection against drugs that could kill them. AMR acquired by them poses an additional challenge for medical treatment of serious infectious diseases like pneumonia, cholera, food poisoning etc.," Dr. Veleri said.

It is a red flag for urgent intervention to stop AMR spread in the ecosystem, the paper noted.

Quarter of world's diabetics are in India; experts call for urgent efforts for prevention

Ramya Kannan
CHENNAI

On International Diabetes Day, there was bitter news for nations of the world. A paper published in the peer-reviewed journal *The Lancet*, based on a global study, recorded over 800 million adults living with diabetes, with more than half not receiving treatment.

Not surprisingly, India had the highest number of diabetics in the world, but surprisingly enough, the number was nearly 100 million more than the numbers revealed as part of the nation-wide Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)-InDiaB study last year. Splitting hair over figures apart, there are clear indications that the number of people with diabetes is increasing in India, and investing in the prevention of diabetes, its treatment, and in the prevention of complications, is imperative. The study, conducted by the NCD Risk Factor Collaboration (NCD-RisC), along with the World Health Organization (WHO), used data from over 140 million people (18+ years) culled from more than 1,000 studies in different countries.

According to the study, the total number of adults living with either Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes in the world has surpassed 800 million – over four times the total number in 1990. Of this 800 million, over a quarter (212 million) live in India, with another 148 million in China.

"Our study highlights widening global inequalities in diabetes, with treatment rates stagnating in many low- and middle-income countries, where numbers of adults with diabetes are drastically increasing. This is especially concerning as people with diabetes tend to be younger in low-income countries, and in the absence of effective treatment, are at risk of life-long complications," senior author Majid Ezzati, of the Imperial College, London, said.

According to the study, about 212 million Indians have diabetes. GETTY IMAGES

One of the reasons for the huge numbers might be the use of either HbA1C value or fasting glucose, whichever data was available in different nations, explained V. Mohan, chairperson, Madras Diabetes Research Foundation. "The gold standard is fasting blood glucose and two-hour post-prandial value after an oral glucose tolerance test (OGTT). This is what we used in the ICMR-InDiaB study. If they went by OGTT values alone, then the number would be half of what was recorded," Dr. Mohan said.

"Using HbA1C, they used a single cut-off point to determine diabetes – 6.5%. Even in those with normal glucose, a small percentage will spill over into the 6.5% HbA1c value, depending on whether individuals are 'fast' or 'normal glycators'. Of course, in a global study, there are limitations about using the data that is already available. The reality is that we need to do something urgent about preventing diabetes and its complications," he added.

"It is very clear that diabetes has been on the ascending limb in India for two decades. In this context, we need to undertake a war-like effort using mass media to spread awareness about nutrition, physical activity, [and] enacting more legal provisions to regulate carbs (carbohydrates) and sugar content in packaged food. We must educate women since they are prone to obesity post-pregnancy, and have a heightened risk at menopause. A long-term vision for 10 years is required, with a dedicated task force assigned to the task," Anoop Mishra, chairperson, Fortis CDOC Hospital for Diabetes and Allied Sciences, said.

"Our findings highlight the need to see more ambitious policies, especially in lower-income regions of the world, that restrict unhealthy foods, make healthy foods affordable, and improve opportunities to exercise through measures such as subsidies for healthy foods and free, as well as promoting safe places for walking and exercising, including free entrance to public parks and fitness centres," Anjana Ranjit, president, Madras Diabetes Research Foundation, who was involved in the InDiaB study, said.

'Digital platforms must take measures to curb fake news'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Saturday said fair compensation by online platforms for the content created by conventional media was one of the four major challenges in the sector that needed to be addressed.

Speaking at an event organised by the Press Council of India (PCI) on National Press Day, Mr. Vaishnaw said, "As we see that the consumption of news is rapidly shifting from the conventional modes to the digital media, the traditional media is losing out financially because of this change."

Ashwini Vaishnaw

"The investment made in creating a team of journalists, training them, having editorial processes, methods to check the veracity of the news, taking the responsibility for the content – all these investments which are huge both in terms of time and money are becoming irrelevant by the way these platforms are having a very unequal edge in terms of bargaining power they have vis-a-vis conventional media," he said.

The Union Minister said the efforts made by conventional media in creating content needed to be suitably compensated. He said another key challenge was "fake news" and "disinformation". He called for accountability in digital media to combat fake news. "The platforms do not verify what is posted there so false and misleading information can be found in abundance practically on all platforms... The question that arises is who will take the responsibility for the content which is published on these platforms?," Mr. Vaishnaw asked.

Whether it was language, religion, regional differences, and cultural diversity, the platforms should be extra careful when working in a country as diverse as India. "Therefore, if the circumstances are different, shouldn't there be different metrics for the platforms? Shouldn't there be more responsibility," he asked.

The Union Minister said the platforms must come out with solutions that account for the impact their systems have on Indian society. He said the fourth challenge was the impact of Artificial Intelligence on intellectual property rights. Union Minister of State for I&B L. Murugan also highlighted the growing challenge of fake news.

PCI Chairperson Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai said the council had taken steps aimed at maintaining journalistic integrity, protecting public interest, and ensuring that the media served as a reliable and ethical platform for information.

INBRIEF

Aditya Birla group invests $20 bn in manufacturing

The Aditya Birla group has invested about $20 billion, mainly in the manufacturing space, as it looks to be among the top two players across the segments it operates in, its chairman K.M. Birla said on Saturday. Noting that the group has taken tough decisions, including the acquisition of Novelis by Hindalco, Mr. Birla said most of the group's investments are long-term, with a business outlook over the next 15-20 years, while consumer businesses have a shorter span. PTI

'Delhi-NCR 6th most expensive office market in Asia Pacific'

Delhi-NCR is the sixth most expensive office location in the Asia Pacific region, with an average monthly rental of ₹340 per sq. ft, while Mumbai ranked eighth in the list, according to Knight Frank India. Real estate consultant Knight Frank, in its latest edition of the Asia-Pacific Prime Office Rental Index for the July-September quarter, said Hong Kong SAR continues to be APAC's most expensive office market in Q3 of this calendar year. PTI

Navrattan Group develops 'eco-friendly' cement

Navrattan Group said it has developed Navrattan Green Crete, an eco-friendly sustainable cement aimed at reducing environmental impact. "The formulation Navrattan Green Crete exhibits superior air-curing properties, making it a robust choice for various construction projects. This technology allows developers to use 15% less Navrattan Green Crete compared with traditional cement while achieving equal or higher compressive strengths," the company said.

On Delhi's jobs status, ground reality is different from what govt. data show

Officials disagree with findings that Delhi's unemployment rate almost halved in just 3 months earlier this year and that the State had India's lowest jobless rate; while Centre's PLFS data includes unpaid work as well, the ILO's definition of unemployment rate only considers paid work, says expert

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NEW DELHI

Grim outlook: Delhi's unemployment situation can't be drastically different from the rest of India, says a JNU professor. REUTERS

It is about 10 a.m. and Manoj Mandal, 38, and about 50 other people are still waiting for the day's job at a labour chowk in Bhogal in Central Delhi.

"Kaam down chal raha he (There is less work). It's already 10 and now chances are less that anyone will come here to call us for work today," Mr. Mandal said, as others around him nodded in agreement.

Even though Central Government data show that Delhi is among the top five States performing well in terms employment rates, interviews with workers, students, government officials, and experts paint a different story of unemployment and job insecurity.

The data showed that Delhi's unemployment rate (UR) almost halved in just three months from earlier this year and the State had the lowest unemployment in India. But officials and experts told *The Hindu* this was not possible.

The latest annual report by the Central Government shows that unemployment rate in Delhi increased slightly to 2.1% from 1.9%.

Efforts by the State Government to generate jobs is next to nothing, amid a long-standing power tussle between the elected Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)-led Delhi government and the Central Government-appointed Lieutenant Governor, which has stunted many projects in the national capital.

When asked about the distress on the ground, though Delhi is one of the better off States as per government data, Arun Kumar, former economics professor at the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) said, "There is distress of unemployment across the country. Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) data includes unpaid work also, whereas ILO's (International Labour Organisation) definition of UR only considers paid work. So, the PLFS data does not accurately capture the state of unemployment."

Santosh Kumar Mehrotra, a visiting professor at the Institute for Policy Research, University of Bath, U.K., agreed. Mr. Mehrotra said there was severe distress due to joblessness and underlined the ILO's data was more accurate.

Curious case

As per the Centre's PLFS, Delhi's unemployment rate (UR) fell drastically to 1.8% in January-March 2024, from 3.3% in October-December 2023. At the national level it had risen to 6.7% from 6.5% for the same time period.

Commenting on the huge fall, Surajit Mazumdar, a professor at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) said Delhi's unemployment situation could not be drastically different from the rest of India.

One plausible explanation is that the Relative Standard Error (RSE) for Delhi's UR is 18.2%, as per the PLFS data, whereas the RSE at the national level is only 2.7%. But there are three other States with a higher RSE than Delhi, the data show.

"At the State level, the sample sizes are very small and the chances of inaccuracies in estimates increase. That is why state RSEs are significantly higher than all India," professor Mazumdar said.

A Labour Department official also said that Delhi's UR could not fall so sharply in just three months, as there were "no big employment generation by the private sector or government".

But in the next quarter (April-June, 2024), the UR for Delhi increased to 2.5% from 1.8%. While the annual data (July 2023-June 2024), show that the UR for Delhi increased to 2.1% from 1.9% in the previous annual PLFS report, when at the national level, it was stagnant at 3.2%.

Different calculations

One reason for this inconsistency in the quarterly and annual data is because both are calculated differently.

In quarterly reports, while calculating the UR, the government considers 'current weekly status' (CWS), which considers seven days preceding the date of survey.

While in the annual reports, what is generally considered as the UR is 'usual status', which considers 365 days preceding the date of survey.

Though the annual report also has the UR data as per CWS, the government gives more weightage to the 'usual status' data as the UR in their statements. The recent annual report shows that the UR data as per CWS is higher than the UR calculated based on 'usual data'.

But both Mr. Kumar and Mr. Mehrotra said that the UR calculated as per CWS is a more accurate representation.

Meanwhile, at IIT Delhi, officials said that the slight drop in placements this year was reflective of the economic situation. After the commencement of the placement process, an official said, "Compared with the last year, where we had around 1,287 offers, we had 1,215 offers this year". He added, "Despite the fact that it was a difficult year, we were almost able to match up to the number of offers last year." However, officials did not share the number of students registered for placements.

COVID cost jobs

The pandemic not only impacted college placements. Over the past few years, many have been pushed out of formal jobs into the gig economy as delivery agents and cab drivers.

Over the years, AAP chief and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has claimed in several poll-bound states that his government provided 10-12 lakh jobs in the State and has promised similar employment generation in other States.

10 lakh of these jobs were claimed to be generated from a "Rozgar Bazaar" online portal of the Delhi government. But an RTI by *The Hindu* last year showed the department did not have any data on number of people who got jobs through the portal.

The Delhi government in its annual 2022 budget promised 20 lakh jobs in the next five years, of which five lakh were meant to come from a Rozgar Bazaar 2.0 portal.

"The original Rozgar Bazaar portal has been nonfunctional for over one-and-a-half years now and the plan for Rozgar Bazaar 2.0 portal is also stuck," a Delhi government official told *The Hindu*, wishing to remain anonymous.

The Delhi government is not holding job fairs too, as issues were raised about money spent on previous job fairs, according to officials.

"Last time we held a job fair, we had to do it on our own without any help from the Labour Department. Officials do not listen as they know we cannot suspend or transfer them as the L-G has all the powers," an AAP leader said.

Many government schemes have been affected in Delhi as the turf war between the AAP and L-G continues.

Respite for Indian coffee growers as EU grants time for EUDR compliance

Mini Tejaswi
Soundariya Preetha

India's major plantation sectors such as rubber and coffee have heaved a sigh of relief as the EU Parliament has voted in favour of a proposal by the European Commission to delay the implementation of EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) allowing growers, exporters and traders additional time for compliance.

Accordingly, large coffee operators and exporters must meet EUDR regulations by December 30, 2025, while micro and small growers and traders have time until June 30, 2026 to comply, as against the earlier deadline of December 2024. Being EUDR-compliant indicates a grower's forest-based coffee produce is legal, and not sourced from any deforested land or unethically cultivated. Notably, over 70% of Indian coffees are sold in EU countries, and therefore the compliance extension has direct implications on coffee players in India, although India was one among the few countries which grew coffee under two tier thick shade of native trees, say industry players. "Our coffee estates, in addition to coffee and shade trees has diverse flora and fauna. So Indian coffees are most sustainably grown. In spite of that India opposed EUDR since the compliance does not incentivise sustainably grown coffees," Coffee Board of India CEO and Secretary K.G. Jagadeesha told *The Hindu*. "

K. G. Rajeev, Chairman, Karnataka Planters' Association said, "There are challenges in mobilisation of resources to invest by small and medium sized holdings to be EUDR compliant. Postponement of the implementation of the EU Deforestation Regulation is expected to buoy up the international market for rubber and related products in the short term, said Santosh Kumar, chairman of the Rubber Committee of the United Planters' Association of Southern India.

"There were ambiguities and concerns in the market. Now that the EUDR will be implemented from 2026, the international market will have a positive impact in the short term," he said. According to Rubber Board Executive Director M. Vasanthagesan, with the postponement of the regulation by an year, there is more time to prepare the rubber sector. The measures will continue, he added.

Omega Seiki to unveil hydrogen-powered three wheelers

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Uday Narang

Omega Seiki Mobility (OSM), which is into electric vehicles (EVs), has announced plans to produce hydrogen-powered three wheelers in India by the end of this financial year.

"We have approached multiple State governments and authorities to set up pilot projects with deployment of 50 to 100 vehicles to begin with and then to scale up," said Uday Narang, chairman, Omega Seiki Mobility.

He said Hydrogen Intelligence, a joint venture between OSM and Systemics, has developed hydrogen-powered three-wheelers that have proven capability to cover 700 km with a 2 kg cylinder.

"So far, many companies have launched hydrogen-powered large trucks and cars, but keeping India's need in focus, we have come up with the world's first hydrogen-powered three wheelers," Mr. Narang said.

QNu Labs plans geographical expansion

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The firm's move into the U.S. is driven by demand in industries such as banking and financial services

QNu Labs, a quantum-safe cybersecurity company in India, has announced geographical expansion plans to provide its quantum cryptography solutions in the U.S. and other key markets.

"By the end of 2024 financial year, we aim to firmly establish QNu Inc as a leading provider of quantum cryptography solutions in the U.S.," Rahil Patel, chief growth officer, QNu Labs, said in an email.

"The U.S. market holds tremendous potential, given its early adoption of cybersecurity advancements and its recognition of quantum computing as an emerging threat to conventional cryptographic standards," he said.

He said the company's move into the U.S. was driven by the demand in industries such as banking and financial services, defence, telecommunications, and healthcare – sectors where quantum-safe solutions are increasingly becoming essential.

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Sd/-
Director (I/C)
DIPR/CP/3267/MAA/2024-25

PUBLIC NOTICE
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Item of work	Approx. Value
Provision of SS metal trough below RMPU (Roof Mounted Air-Conditioning Unit) in place of FRP trough in 200 coaches.	Rs. 59,51,572/-

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 02-12-2024
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Tender Notification No:EE/BTDA/Dn.02/PB-01/Tender No:05/2024-25/2197 Date : 11.11.2024
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION No: 05
(Through karnataka public Procurement Portal only)
As per the tender procedure of KTPP Act, tenders are invited for pertaining to **Indent No. 65, 66, 67, 69, 70 and 71** from registered eligible contractors Through karnataka public Procurement Portal.
The intending bidders for work details may login to karnataka public Procurement Portal website **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for detailed notification and submission of the tender. The tenders can be submitted till **22.11.2024 up to 5.00 PM**. Technical bids will be opened on **25.11.2024 at 11.00 AM** (if possible) and financial bids will be opened on **26.11.2024 at 11.00 AM** (if possible). Any other details can be obtained from this office in person or over telephone number **08354-295372.**
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Sd/- Executive Engineer,
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Government of Karnataka
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Vijayapura
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E-Tender Announcement
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Tenders are invited on this portal from eligible organizations for supply of spectacles under NPCB program 2024-25th year under NPCB program in Vijayapur district Last date for submission of tender is 04.12.2024 upto 5.30 PM Rs. 63.00 Lakhs. Eligible tenderes this procurement portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in can participate in the tender through at Further details can be obtained from the above address.
1)DHFWS/2024-25/IND1096 Maximum Amount: 63,00,000/-
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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & VETERINARY SERVICES,
Office of the Commissioner, Pashupaalana Bhavana, 1st Floor, Opp. to CBI Office, Bellary Road, Hebbal, Bengaluru-560 024.
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TENDER NOTIFICATION
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The Commissioner of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore hereby invites bids through KPP-portal from eligible bidders **For Hiring Of Vehicles On Outsource Basis For Use Of Officers In The Department Of Animal Husbandry And Veterinary Services For The Year 2024-25** for which the tendered Amount is Rs. **62.31** lakhs.
Complete tender documents can be viewed by visiting website No: KPP portal from Date : 16.11.2024 and tenderers can upload all the necessary documents through KPP portal from **16.11.2024** to **02.12.2024** till **17.30** hours. Further information can be obtained from KPP Portal and this office during office hours.
Sd/- Deputy Director, Veterinary Medical Stores
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Optical biosensor rapidly detects monkeypox virus

The Hindu Bureau

A new variant of human mpox has claimed the lives of approximately 5% of people with reported infections in the Democratic Republic of the Congo since 2023, many of them children. Since then, it has spread to other countries. In addition, a different but rarely fatal mpox variant was responsible for an outbreak that has spread to more than 100 countries since 2022. There is an urgent need for faster and more cost-effective diagnostic tools to curb the spread of mpox and to prepare for the possibility of a future global pandemic.

Researchers from University of California San Diego School of Medicine, and Boston University have now developed an optical biosensor that can rapidly detect monkeypox, the virus that causes mpox. The technology could allow clinicians to diagnose the disease at the point of care rather than wait for lab results. The study was published on November 14, 2024, in *Biosensors and Bioelectronics*.

In the clinic, mpox symptoms such as fever, pain, rashes, and lesions resemble those of many other viral infections. So it is not easy for clinicians to distinguish monkeypox from these other diseases by just looking at the patient.

A PCR test is expensive, requires a laboratory, and can take days or weeks to get results. The Boston University lab has developed optical biosensors for detecting the viruses that cause Ebola hemorrhagic fever and COVID-19, among others.

The researchers used samples collected from the lesions of a patient with laboratory-confirmed mpox. They incubated the samples with monoclonal monkeypox antibodies that bind to proteins on the surface of the virus. The virus-antibody complex was then transferred into tiny chambers on the surface of silicon chips on the sensor that were treated to fix these nanoparticles.

Shining precise wavelengths of red and blue light simultaneously on the chips caused interference, which resulted in slightly different responses when the virus-antibody nanoparticles were present. A colour camera was used to detect this small signal and count individual particles with high sensitivity. The biosensor assay easily discriminated mpox samples from these other viruses within two minutes.

35% doctors in India feel unsafe while at work, study shows

Violence against healthcare workers flourishes due to multiple risk factors coming together — overcrowding, understaffing, sparse security measures, perceived or real inadequacy of care, communication lapses

Rajeev Jayadevan

Workplace violence
Doctors across India report workplace violence as a growing threat
A 2017 study found that over 75% of doctors across India had experienced workplace violence
A recent IMA Kerala State survey of 3,885 doctors across India highlights significant gaps in safety measures
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Less than half of the doctors on night duty had access to a duty room during night shifts. Of these rooms, only a third had an attached restroom
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Doctors reported instances when they were surrounded by crowds while attending to road accident victims
At night, emergency rooms are often visited by drunk and disruptive individuals, leading to verbal and physical altercations
STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST DOCTORS
DOCTORS SAVE LIVES
DON'T KILL THEM!!

Alarming figures: A study found nearly 70% of doctors encountered violence while at work

In a tragic incident at a government hospital in Chennai on November 13, 2024, a doctor was repeatedly stabbed while performing his duties. This follows the brutal rape murder of a young doctor in Kolkata just three months prior, underscoring a troubling and persistent issue: workplace violence against healthcare professionals.

Doctors across India have reported workplace violence as a growing threat. A 2017 study undertaken by the Indian Medical Association found that over 75% of doctors across India had experienced workplace violence, while nearly 63% were unable to see patients without any fear of violence. Another study found that nearly 70% of doctors encountered violence while at work. Verbal abuse and physical confrontations from bystanders are frequent, yet only a fraction of incidents are formally reported.

Our team at IMA Kerala State conducted a survey in August 2024 involving 3,885 doctors across India – the largest of its kind – which highlighted significant gaps in safety measures.

Participants shared their experiences regarding security, adequacy of duty rooms, and night duty risks, and offered solutions. Over 60% of respondents were women, many of whom reported facing physical and verbal abuse while at work. On the safety scale, 11% rated their workplace as very unsafe, while 24% expressed feeling unsafe overall. The study was conducted by the Indian Medical Association and published in the October issue of the *Kerala Medical Journal*.

Systemic problem

Workplace violence in healthcare is often a sign of deeper systemic problems. Violence flourishes where multiple risk factors come together, the survey found. These include overcrowding, understaffing, sparse security measures, perceived or real inadequacy of care, communication lapses, mounting expenses, absence of grievance redressal mechanisms, and the presence of individuals under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

In some hospitals, inexperienced doctors are posted alone in high-risk areas like casualty and ICU during night shifts, which can be a daunting task without senior backup on-site.

Our survey exposed another alarming reality: less than half of the doctors on night duty had access to a duty room during night shifts, and of those, only a third had an attached restroom. Also, when available, 53% of the duty rooms were located far away (100 to 1,000 metres) and 9% were located at distances over 1,000 metres from the wards or casualty area. The lack of basic amenities closer to wards forces doctors to walk through isolated corridors and across poorly lit grounds.

When duty rooms were unavailable or inadequate, for instance when the doors lacked locks, doctors were forced to find alternative resting places at night, the survey found. Women doctors admitted to sleeping on empty ward beds, potentially exposing them to patient bystanders staying overnight on-site. A doctor reported carrying a foldable knife and pepper spray in her handbag due to safety concerns. Security was frequently described as either absent or inadequate. Several younger doctors expressed frustration over administrators ignoring their safety concerns.

Responding to the survey, doctors reported instances when they were surrounded by crowds while attending to road accident victims or performing procedures in the casualty area. Emergency rooms, particularly at night, are often visited by drunk and disruptive individuals, leading to verbal and physical altercations. Doctors hesitate to report these incidents due to heavy workloads and social or administrative pressure, allowing the cycle of violence to continue.

Corrective measures

The study suggested that the adoption of simple measures with minimal investment can reduce violent incidents in healthcare facilities. For instance, crowd control and triage can reduce violent incidents. Allowing unlimited numbers of bystanders in patient-care areas creates an environment prone to conflict. Enforcing strict visitor policies to prevent groups from congregating around patients and distracting or intimidating medical staff will also go a long way in reducing violent incidents. This would allow healthcare workers to focus on their patients without interference.

Legislation alone may be insufficient in the absence of effective enforcement and comprehensive on-the-ground safety measures. For instance, Kerala enacted a hospital protection law in 2012, updated in 2023. However, the problem persists. The tragic murder of the young Dr. Vandana Das in 2023 in Kollam, Kerala highlights the limitations of legislation alone.

Professional organisations like the Indian Medical Association (IMA) have been providing communication and soft skills training for doctors, including guidance on how to break bad news.

But even the best-trained professionals cannot work effectively in overcrowded, under-resourced settings. The rising violence in healthcare settings demands immediate and decisive action from hospital administrators and policymakers to tackle the underlying causes. Waiting for further proof of the problem serves no purpose.

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Eye donation and corneal transplant

SPEAKING OF SCIENCE
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The International Agency for Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) marks every second Thursday of October, which falls on October 14 this year, as World Sight Day. The aim is to increase awareness and support efforts to ensure everyone across the world can benefit from the vision. This includes offering eyeglasses to those who need them, treating the damaged parts of the eye, say, by replacing an opacified lens in the eye (a cataract) or offering corneal transplants to restore vision. Corneal blindness is a major cause of blindness in India. A corneal transplant involves restoring vision to an individual with a damaged cornea by using healthy tissue from a donor. However, many factors impact the long-term success of such grafts: the quality of the donor tissue, the kind of corneal condition, and crucially, long-term follow-up care.

The cornea is a thin, clear, dome-shaped tissue layer of the eye that covers the pupil and iris. Corneal tissue is specialised to remain transparent, so that it bends the light inwards towards the retina in the back, which has photo-receptor cells that help us see. If the cornea is damaged due to any reason, it loses this ability to refract and let in light, and a person loses vision. The only means of restoring vision is through corneal transplant.

Corneal blindness is a major cause of blindness. GETTY IMAGES

An Austrian ophthalmologist, Dr E K Zim, did the first human corneal transplant from a donor eye in 1905. In India, the first transplant was performed by Dr. Muthiah in 1948 from his eye bank in Chennai, and Dr R P Dhonda of Indore managed to make the first successful corneal transplant in 1960. Since then, the sophistication and success rates of corneal transplants have grown in leaps and bounds. The clear corneal tissue itself can be divided into six layers, and today's surgeons can transplant just a specific lamellar sublayer instead of the whole cornea. These surgeries allow for faster recovery and reduce the chances of immune rejection after a transplant.

All these features make corneal transplants an easy choice. However, over a million people in India are estimated to be impaired due to corneal blindness. It is the main cause of blindness in people less than 50 years of age, according to the National Programme for the Control of Blindness and Visual Impairment. For years now, India has had an informal target of achieving an annual rate of 1,00,000 corneal transplants. We are far short of this rate. Tissues like the cornea can only be donated after the death of a person. Of the millions of deaths recorded in India, a small percentage are eligible for corneal donation. However, we do not currently receive corneas from all eligible donors, especially because of procedural delays and consent laws.

To address this, the government is considering a modification to the Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994 allowing 'presumed consent'. This means all eligible donors are presumed to have given their consent. However, presumed consent must not be draconian, it needs to also include formal permission from the family to ensure social acceptance – a 'soft' opt-in.

A gracious donation, a diligent recipient who follows up with care, and a system that enables them both is the need of the hour. It is important then that the government's slogan: '*Netra Daan*' is in synchrony with the motto of ophthalmologists: '*Pashyantu Sarve Janah*,' bolstered with consent from the family: '*Sammati Parivarasya*.'

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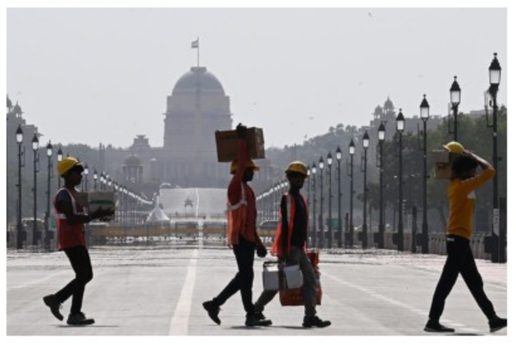
SNAPSHOTS

White car headlights more likely to dazzle moths

White lights, such as those in modern car headlights, endanger moths by causing them to fly erratically, new study shows. Scientists exposed moths to short bursts of light, simulating car headlights, then observed their flight patterns. They found that the white phosphor-coated LEDs used in modern car headlights dazzled moths and affected their flight. Moths exposed to this light were 80% more likely to fly erratically or towards the light, compared to those exposed to other lights.

Mountain lions in Los Angeles become more nocturnal

Mountain lions in greater Los Angeles are proactively shifting their activity to avoid interacting with cyclists, hikers, joggers, and other recreationists, finds a study. The study found that mountain lions, living in areas with higher levels of human recreation, were more nocturnal than lions in more remote regions who were more active at dawn and dusk. The authors said their findings offer a hopeful example of human-wildlife coexistence amid a large, dense human population.



Humidity diminishes daytime cooling gains in urban spaces

While trees can reduce temperatures, they increase humidity due to evaporation. This temperature reduction and humidity increase offset each other, resulting in minimal change to the wet-bulb temperature, which is a measure of combined heat and humidity stress. Daytime green spaces can feel cooler, but the increased humidity diminishes the perceived relief. At night, green spaces can lower both temperature and humidity due to reduced soil heat storage.

Question Corner

Salt crystallisation

How are chimney-shaped vents on the floor of the Dead Sea formed?

A team of divers has discovered that meter-high chimney-shaped vents on the lake floor of the Dead Sea are formed by the spontaneous crystallisation of minerals from groundwater with an extremely high salt content flowing up out of the lake floor. The researchers discovered that saline groundwater flows out through the chimneys at the bottom of the lake. But where is the salt coming from? The groundwater from the surrounding aquifers penetrates into the saline lake sediments, leaching out extremely old and thick layers of rock consisting mainly of the mineral halite. It then flows into the lake as brine. Contact with the lake water causes the dissolved salts, especially the halite, to spontaneously crystallise after emerging from the lake bed, forming the vents observed for the first time. These can grow by several centimetres within a single day. Many slender chimneys were one to two metres high, but they also include giants more than seven metres high, with a diameter of more than two-three metres.

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Will Riyadh summit impact the Gaza war?

Why have the Arab states sent a message that resolving the Palestine question is key to peace in West Asia?

Stanly Johny

The story so far:
Saudi Arabia hosted a summit of leaders from Arab and Islamic countries last week to discuss the Palestine question. The summit demanded an immediate end to Israel's military aggression on Gaza and Lebanon.

What did leaders say?
The leaders condemned the Israeli military's "shocking and horrific crimes", its "crime of genocide", and "ethnic cleansing" in Gaza, and called for an "independent, credible" international committee to investigate these crimes. It urged for measures to end the Israeli occupation and "establish an independent, sovereign Palestinian state on the lines of June 4, 1967, with occupied Al-Quds [Jerusalem] as its capital, based on the two-state solution, and in accordance with the approved references and the Arab Peace Initiative of 2002."

What is the significance of the summit?
In recent years, Arab countries had shown a willingness to improve or even normalise ties with Israel bypassing the Palestine question, in violation of the spirit of the Arab Peace Initiative, which promised recognition to Israel in return for the creation of a Palestine state. In 2020, the UAE, Bahrain, Morocco, and Sudan normalised ties with Israel in an agreement called the Abraham Accords. In the past, Arab-Israel normalisation – Egypt in 1979 and Jordan in 1994 – came with some Israeli compromises. Israel signed the Framework for Peace in the Middle East with Egypt in 1979 (following the Camp David Agreement), agreeing to establish an autonomous Palestinian self-governing authority in the occupied West Bank and Gaza, and the Israel-Jordan agreement (the Wadi Araba Treaty) following the 1993 Oslo Agreement, which laid the foundations of the Palestine National Authority.

> Before the October 7 attack, the Arab states were moving closer to formalising ties with Israel. But after Israel's aggression on Gaza and Lebanon, that push has been derailed

But when the Abraham Accords were signed, the Palestinians got nothing. After the October 7, 2023 Hamas attack and Israel's retaliatory war on Gaza (and the West Bank), Arabs condemned the Israeli actions but stopped short of provoking the Jewish state. However, their unease and anger over the war Israel was carrying out were on display. In the Riyadh summit, they expressed their collective anger and sent a message to both Israel and the U.S. that resolving the Palestine question is key to peace in West Asia.

Where do Saudi-Israel ties stand?
In September 2023, Mohammed bin Salman, the Saudi Crown Prince, and Prime Minister, said the kingdom was in an advanced stage of finalising a normalisation agreement with Israel. For both the U.S. and Israel, an agreement with Saudi Arabia was the logical next step of the normalisation process. Arab countries were also increasingly wary of Iran and they seemed ready to bolster ties with Israel and build a joint defensive shield against potential Iranian threats. Then came the October 7 attack, and Israel's war on Gaza. Saudi Arabia and the UAE see the Hamas brand of political Islam as a threat to their monarchical systems. But they cannot ignore the mood in the Arab Street and West Asia, which is predominantly anti-Israel and pro-Palestine. A few months after the war, the Saudis said any future agreement with Israel should be linked to resolving the Palestine issue. On September 18, Crown Prince Mohammed said, "The kingdom will not cease its tireless efforts to establish an independent Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital, and we affirm that the kingdom will not establish diplomatic relations with Israel without one." At the opening of the Riyadh summit, MBS, as Prince Mohammed is popularly known, said Israel was committing "genocide" in Gaza, in his harshest criticism of the war. This points to a steady deterioration in Saudi-Israel ties over the past year.

Will the Arabs join the war?
Very unlikely. The last time an Arab country attacked Israel was in 1973 when Egypt, along with Syria, launched a surprise offensive in Sinai and Golan, Egyptian and Syrian territories, respectively, that were captured by Israel in 1967. Egypt launched the attack to get its territory back, not for the Palestinians. Ever since, peace between Israel and Arab states prevailed, irrespective of Israel's military occupation of the Palestinian territories. That *status quo* is unlikely to change as no Arab country has the stomach to go to war against Israel. But before the October 7 attack, Arabs were moving closer to formalising their relationship with the Jewish state – that push has now been derailed. Now, even the UAE, which had close ties with Israel, says it "is not ready to support the day after the war in Gaza without the establishment of a Palestinian state". Arab countries have also entered into a detente with Iran, bringing their decades-long rivalry with the Shia state to a tactical halt.

What has SC ruled on bulldozing property?

What are the guidelines laid down by the Supreme Court to prevent illegal and retributive demolitions of homes of accused persons? What are the constitutional provisions it has leaned on for the ruling? What did it say about compensation for unlawful demolitions?

Aaratrika Bhaumik

The story so far:
The Supreme Court on November 13 underscored that it is unconstitutional to demolish a person's property without adhering to the due process of law, simply on the grounds of their alleged involvement in a crime. A Bench of Justices B.R. Gavai and K.V. Viswanathan issued a slew of guidelines to prevent illegal and retributive bulldozing of homes and private properties of accused persons by States. Earlier, the top court had extended its interim order halting demolitions across the country without express permission except for encroachments on public land or unauthorised structures.

Has there been a marked increase in demolitions?
Over the last few years, there has been an advent of bulldozing of homes and private properties of accused persons in several States. Demolitions were justified on account of action against encroachment or under the pretext of unauthorised construction.

What began with the bulldozer demolitions in Delhi's Jahangirpuri following communal violence spread to other parts of the country. The violence that ensued in Nuh, Haryana, due to a clash between two religious groups in 2023, ended with the local administration demolishing a large number of homes in the neighbourhood. Similarly, communal riots in Khargone, Madhya Pradesh, led to the demolition of houses and businesses owned by Muslims, who were deemed to be "alleged rioters."

According to a 2024 estimate by the Housing and Land Rights Network, authorities at the local, State, and central levels demolished 153,820 homes in 2022 and 2023, displacing over 738,438 individuals across rural and urban areas of the country. Additionally, a report published in February by Amnesty International revealed that authorities in four BJP-ruled States and one AAP-governed State demolished 128 structures – primarily belonging to Muslims – between April and June 2022.

> 'The verdict will compel officials to think twice before undertaking a demolition drive'

The court's verdict was delivered in response to a batch of petitions challenging demolition drives conducted by several States. These petitions were clubbed with another petition filed by Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind challenging the demolitions carried out in Jahangirpuri in 2022. On September 2, the two-judge Bench conveyed the intention to frame binding pan-India guidelines to address the petitioners' concerns by invoking its powers under Article 142.

Rights upheld: Court acknowledged that demolition drives impose a form of 'collective punishment' on the families of alleged perpetrators. FILE PHOTO

What did the court rule?
At the outset, the court asserted that constitutional ethos strictly prohibits the demolition of properties belonging to individuals, whether accused or convicted, without due process of law. It further underscored that such exercise of arbitrariness by government officials strikes at the very heart of the "rule of law" and undermines public trust. Cautioning against the executive usurping the judiciary's role by preemptively punishing the accused, Justice Gavai observed, "The executive cannot become a judge and decide that a person accused is guilty and, therefore, punish him by demolishing his residential/commercial property/properties. Such an act of the executive would be transgressing its limits."

Notably, the judges acknowledged that demolition drives not only target the alleged perpetrators of an offence but also impose a form of "collective punishment" on their families. Justice Gavai pointed out that this offends the constitutional guarantee of the right to shelter under Article 21. "If his spouse, children, parents live in the same house or co-own the same property, can they be penalised by demolishing the property without them even being involved in any crime only on the basis of them being related to an alleged accused person? As is well known, a pious father may have a recalcitrant son and vice versa," he observed. Justice Gavai also observed that if a particular property is singled out for demolition while other similar structures in the vicinity remain untouched, it raises a strong inference of *mala fide* intent on the part of the State. Without mincing words, he stressed that the "true motive" behind such actions appeared to be a deliberate attempt to punish the accused without affording them the opportunity for a fair trial in a court of law.

What are the guidelines?
The court issued comprehensive guidelines aimed at fostering greater institutional accountability. However, it clarified that these directives would not apply to unauthorised constructions or demolitions mandated by a court. The judges specified that officials responsible for illegal demolitions would face disciplinary action, contempt charges, and monetary penalties. Moreover, it directed that compensation for wrongful demolitions be directly recovered from such erring officials.

Recognising the need to provide affected parties with adequate time to arrange alternative housing and challenge the demolition order, the court mandated that no demolition drive should proceed without a 15-day prior notice. Such notice should be served on the house owner by registered post and must provide details of the nature of the unauthorised construction, details of specific violations, and grounds warranting such a coercive action.

Further, the designated authority has been ordered to extend an opportunity of personal hearing to the owner. The minutes of such a meeting are directed to be duly recorded with the final order detailing the contentions of the parties including whether the unauthorised construction is compoundable, or whether there is a need to undertake demolition of the entire structure. Additionally, the concerned authority must prepare a detailed inspection report, signed by at least two witnesses, before proceeding with the demolition drive.

The judges also directed the authorities to ensure that the entire demolition process is thoroughly videographed. A detailed demolition report must be prepared, specifying the names of the police officials and personnel involved. The report should be placed before the Municipal Commissioner and uploaded on a digital portal to ensure public accessibility.

How effective are the directives?
According to Alok Prasanna Kumar, Co-Founder and Lead at the Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy in Bengaluru, the guidelines possess the legal teeth necessary to put an end to the practice of extra-judicial demolition drives.

"The verdict will compel officials to think twice before blindly following the orders of the political class to demolish houses to send a message," he notes. He highlights that holding government officials personally liable will serve as a strong deterrent. There is, however, some scepticism that a culture of impunity may persist, given that the court's previous attempts to frame guidelines addressing issues like hate speech and mob lynching have not yielded significant results.

"The effectiveness of these measures will depend on how swiftly and effectively the district courts and High Courts implement these directions and ensure their compliance," Mr. Kumar adds.

Why is Trump setting up an efficiency dept.?

What are the aims of the Department of Government Efficiency? What is the experience during Trump's first term? What have efficiency drives in the past achieved? What is the process for recommendations to be implemented? Is the U.S. civil service looking at a major transformation?

John Xavier

The story so far:
U.S. President-elect Donald Trump on November 12 handpicked tech billionaire Elon Musk and biotech entrepreneur Vivek Ramaswamy to lead the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) and pave the way "to dismantle Government Bureaucracy, slash excess regulations, cut wasteful expenditures, and restructure federal agencies."

What is the task at hand?
Mr. Musk and Mr. Ramaswamy are tasked to advice and guide the government from the outside. They will work with the White House and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) "to drive large scale structural reform and create an entrepreneurial approach to Government never seen before." The duo share the President-elect's views on cutting bureaucracy in government civil services. Mr. Musk, in one Trump rally in October, said the U.S. government's budget can be cut by at least $2 trillion, from $6.5 trillion. He has also called for a leaner government with fewer civil services personnel. Mr. Ramaswamy, during his run for the Republican nomination, put forward plans to dismantle federal agencies and proposed reorganisation of intelligence units.

> Even if Congress approves changes, the final say lies with the Office of Management and Budget and other federal agencies

Changes ahead: During the election campaign, Donald Trump pledged to eliminate 10 rules for every one added if elected. AP

Is such an exercise necessary?
According to the Government Accountability Office's (GAO) Performance and Accountability Report for 2024, the federal government's long-term fiscal future appears unsustainable. In February, the congressional watchdog reported that public debt stood at nearly 97% of the GDP at the end of FY-2023. This is projected to touch a historical high of 106% of GDP by 2028. Unless some radical policy is implemented, public debt could grow at a rate more than twice as fast as the GDP over the next three decades, potentially hitting 200% of GDP by 2050, the GAO estimates. The non-partisan audit office has previously recommended that Congress develops a comprehensive plan to address the government's fiscal outlook and promote fiscal sustainability. A sustainable fiscal policy would ensure that public debt grows at a rate comparable to or slower than the economy.

Will Trump bring back his regulatory budget policy?
During the election campaign, Mr. Trump pledged to eliminate 10 rules for every one added if elected. That is a big jump from two rules for every new regulation policy implemented during his first term. To make this happen, Mr. Trump must work on multiple fronts, including reinstating his executive orders rescinded by the Biden administration, using the Congressional Review Act to roll back late-stage orders issued by the current regime, overhauling regulatory oversight at OMB or transferring it to Congress, and eliminating entire agencies to reduce the government's scope and regulatory output fundamentally.

Have there been efficiency drives in the past?
In February 1982, President Ronald Reagan formed a group of business leaders, commonly known as the Grace Commission, to identify and reduce inefficiency and waste in the U.S. Federal government. They put out a report two years later with 2,500 recommendations.

Initially, the White House Office of Cabinet Affairs was tasked with tracking the implementation of the recommendations. Then the responsibility was transferred to the OMB. Most proposals required congressional approval and so were not implemented.

In 2010, President Barack Obama established a bipartisan fiscal commission, known as the Simpson-Bowles Commission, with the mission of addressing the nation's federal deficit. Their report proposed substantial cuts in domestic and military spending, an increase in the federal gasoline tax, the elimination or reduction of popular tax breaks in exchange for lower rates, and adjustments to Social Security benefits.

However, the recommendations failed to gain traction in Congress as its blueprint did not pass the 14-vote threshold required to send it to the legislative body. This highlights the importance of not merely possessing grand ideas but also demonstrating the political will and the ability to foster bipartisan cooperation to bring those ideas to fruition.

What difference can DOGE make?
The DOGE initiative may sound ambitious, but its direct impact is likely limited. The commission can only submit recommendations to reduce federal regulatory power. Even if Congress approves such changes, the final implementation relies on the OMB and other federal agencies.

Moreover, the commission's work, set to conclude by July 4, 2026, will not result in the immediate shutdown of federal agencies or job losses among government employees. However, it could play a broader role when paired with former President Trump's Schedule F initiative, which seeks to reclassify thousands of federal employees and make it easier for the President to dismiss them. If implemented, this would represent a major transformation of the U.S. civil service, giving the President significant control over positions. Supporters argue this is necessary to address a perceived "deep state" of bureaucratic resistance, but critics warn it could dismantle the nonpartisan foundation of the civil service.

For DOGE to avoid becoming an ineffective commission, it should draw inspiration from New Jersey's Red Tape Review Commission. This commission achieved tangible results by producing impactful reports highlighting how overregulation harmed everyday people. Though it was disbanded later due to political opposition, its effort demonstrated that regulatory reform commissions can achieve results when their work is collaborative and widely supported.

Portentions of a second innings

Trump 2.0

Two impeachments, four criminal indictments, one fraud case conviction and an $83.3 million sexual assault judgement later, Donald Trump has romped home to the White House on the back of a 'red shift' in voting patterns that impacted almost every State in his favour

Narayan Lakshman

President-elect Donald Trump's picks for key government posts: (clockwise) Robert F. Kennedy Jr. (Department of Health), Matt Gaetz (Department of Justice), Marco Rubio (Department of State), Tulsi Gabbard (National Intelligence) and Mike Waltz (National Security). ILLUSTRATION: R. RAJESH

U.S. President-elect Donald Trump is poised to kick off his second term at the White House, a four-year stint that will likely see major shifts in domestic and foreign policy and transform the functioning of a wide range of American public institutions. The fact that he defied the odds, as predicted by pollsters and some sections of the U.S. media, to sweep the seven swing States of the country in the 2024 election, win both the popular vote and the electoral college, and end the presidential run of Democrat candidate Kamala Harris, speaks to the disenchantment of the electorate with the previous administration, the reasons for which are still being debated widely.

Yet, it also says something about the entity that is Donald Trump, a man who remains a saviour to some, an enigma to others, and a symbol of an abhorrent brand of politics to many, including, perhaps, the majority of the 73 million who voted for Ms. Harris. To understand what the next four years portend for the U.S. and for the world, it is instructive to peer through the haze of weaponised propaganda on all sides and disambiguate what Mr. Trump truly stands for.

Mr. Trump has worn many hats over the long arc of his 78 years, and as he dons the mantle of the oldest President to enter the Oval Office, the sheer dexterity with which he has moved across career 'avatars' – from inheritor of a real estate empire to a cult TV show personality and then the head of a sprawling conglomerate to ultimately being a two-term President – reflects on the deep changeability of his core, and the lack of a fixed view – his detractors would call them values – on his professional mission.

Born in Queens, New York, in 1946, as the son of a successful real estate developer, Mr. Trump studied at the New York Military Academy and the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce at the University of Pennsylvania. When he took control of the company of his father, Fred Trump, in 1971, he named it the Trump Organization, a corporate group that would go on to operate in a range of sectors, including commercial and residential buildings, resorts, hotels, golf courses, and casinos.

Among his several books was *The Art of the Deal*, published in 1987, which offers early hints about his belief that dealmaking is the true measure of success and the sole means to achieve it – a paradigm that runs contrary to the long-standing belief in, say, the U.S. State Department, that successful diplomacy entails "patiently building and deepening alliances and partnerships... playing a constructive role in regional institutions and investing time, at the highest levels, in regional summits".

In a move that once again reflected what appeared to be Mr. Trump's devotion to gimmickry and theatrics, at whose altar the loyalty of all his employees would be tested and judged, in 2004, he launched the hit reality television show *The Apprentice*. With his now famous dismissal line of "You're Fired" going viral, the show solidified Mr. Trump's credentials in the world of entertainment television, even if it prompted questions about his business ethics as they applied broadly across the Trump Organization. Especially by the time of his first presidential campaign in 2015, it became clear that no major U.S. company had filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection more than Mr. Trump's Atlantic City casino empire in the last 30 years – four distinct filings. In each of those cases, the implied corporate restructuring allowed Mr. Trump's companies to stay afloat while shedding the unsustainable debt that it owed to banks, employees and suppliers.

Surprise win in 2016

With his record steeped in Wall Street shenanigans and proximity to power-broking at the highest echelons of the system, it came as a shock to many that Mr. Trump rose to meteoric heights in his campaign for the 2016 presidential election, all the while marketing himself as a man of the people, the saviour of blue-collar jobs in the Rust Belt, and as a political maverick far removed from Washington's elite policymaking circles. Even his campaign slogan, 'Make America Great Again', was widely marketed to the benefit of the Trump campaign – reports suggest that, in a single year, more than a million hats were sold at $40 per piece. However, on the eve of the 2016 election, major newspapers projected 90% odds that his rival, Democrat and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, would win the presidency – a failure by the U.S. mainstream media to recognise that Mr. Trump was in fact at the helm of a global nativist-populist movement that was poised to upturn the liberal economic consensus in the West and deglobalise its trade, investment and strategic cooperation paradigm by gradually eroding the rules-based international order.

While he lost the popular vote to Ms. Clinton, the electoral college saved Mr. Trump and put him in the White House for his first term, four years that witnessed a slew of policies that flew in the face of received wisdom on immigration, healthcare, defence and foreign relations. While his eyebrow-raising record as the 45th Commander in Chief is well known, his most controversial policy outcomes included mismanagement of the COVID-19 pandemic response that led to "tens of thousands of unnecessary deaths"; his broad-brush hostility towards minority demographics exemplified in the 'Muslim ban' and family separations carried out against undocumented migrants; his triggering of a trade war due to protectionist policies, including tariffs on foreign aluminium, steel, and other products; his attempts to pressure Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy into seeking evidence of corruption against President Joe Biden's son, Hunter; and, most egregiously, his role in encouraging a violent mob that attacked and ransacked the U.S. Capitol buildings in early 2021 disputing his certified loss to Mr. Biden in the presidential election a few months earlier.

Yet, two impeachments, four criminal indictments, one fraud case conviction and an $83.3 million sexual assault judgement later, Mr. Trump has not just apparently won redemption in the eyes of the American voters, but has romped home to the White House on the back of a "red shift" in voting patterns that impacted almost every State – red and blue – in his favour. This time, post-election analyses suggest, independent and undecided voters in swing States were not even debating major questions of economic policy, such as the actual performance record of the Biden White House. Instead, it was "media appearances" such as the three-hour podcast conversation between Mr. Trump and Joe Rogan, a popular conservative commentator, that appeared to shift the mood in favour of Mr. Trump, as much as the optics of Mr. Trump warning Americans from the campaign podium about the dangers of unchecked immigration.

Now that Trump has the backing of the federal government trifecta, he has a relatively free hand to reshape U.S. policy and institutions

A Cabinet of loyalists

Now that Mr. Trump has the backing of the federal government trifecta – the White House, the House of Representatives and the Senate controlled by the Republican Party – and a Supreme Court stacked with a 6-3 majority favouring conservative justices, he has a relatively free hand to reshape U.S. policy and institutions. The Cabinet that he has picked appears to have prioritised personal loyalty through the campaign season above all else – his former associates-turned-detractors, including Nikki Haley, have been sidelined, and instead a new cohort of conservatives has been picked despite their lack of prior experience in the White House.

Notable among them are Susie Wiles as White House chief of staff, Marco Rubio as Secretary of State, Matt Gaetz as Attorney General, Robert F. Kennedy Jr. as Health and Human Services Secretary, Tulsi Gabbard as Director of National Intelligence, Tom Homan as "border czar", Pete Hegseth as Defence Secretary, Lee Zeldin as EPA Administrator, Mike Huckabee as U.S. Ambassador to Israel, and Elon Musk and Vivek Ramaswamy as heads of Department of Government Efficiency.

While Ms. Wiles has experience as a political operative in Florida, Mr. Rubio, who hails from the same State, is known to be a hawk on China. Mr. Gaetz was once under investigation for sex trafficking of underage girls and is known as a MAGA lawmaker in the House who fiercely defended Mr. Trump and his policies on the floor on several occasions. Mr. Kennedy has been described as "a hardcore anti-vaccine and misinformation peddler [and the] last time he meddled in a state's medical affairs (Samoa), 83 children died of measles." Ms. Gabbard does not have any experience in intelligence and she is staunchly opposed to U.S. support to Ukraine in the latter's fight against the Russian invasion. Reports also suggest that her "views on Russia and her 2017 meeting with Syrian leader Bashar al-Assad have drawn controversy."

Mr. Homan was the acting director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) during the first Trump administration and Mr. Trump has said he "will be in charge of all Deportation of Illegal Aliens back to their Country of Origin". While Mr. Hegseth has experience as an Army veteran who was deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay, he has since been a co-host of "Fox & Friends Weekends", a show on the conservative news channel. Mr. Zeldin is a former New York Republican Congressman who Mr. Trump said would "ensure fair and swift deregulatory decisions that will be enacted in a way to unleash the power of American businesses, while at the same time maintaining the highest environmental standards". Mr. Huckabee is also a TV personality - he has hosted a show on Fox News as well, and a radio programme, though he has a State-level public sector experience as Governor of Arkansas, from 1996 to 2007. Mr. Musk and Mr. Ramaswamy – ironic though it might seem to have two heads of a department designed to reduce government waste and excess – are from the private sector but have been noteworthy for speaking out strongly for Mr. Trump throughout his 2024 campaign. Between all of these potential nominees – assuming they are confirmed by the Senate, still a tall order in the case of several of Mr. Trump's nominees – the presumed agenda would be to implement the Trump MAGA vision to the fullest extent possible over the four years.

Unfinished agenda

At the top of the list of Mr. Trump's campaign slogan, "Promises Made, Promises Kept", will likely be an attempt to carry out a mass deportation of undocumented workers, who number 11 million at last count, a figure that has been more or less constant since 2005. However, across several States, major urban hubs have emerged as "sanctuary cities" - those that have passed laws that restrict local law enforcement cooperation with the ICE, making it politically challenging to carry out any sort of detention and deportation activities on a scale that could matter. Then there are logistical and economic challenges – the non-partisan American Immigration Council estimates that such a proposal could potentially cost taxpayers more than $300 billion. However, Mr. Trump will likely take certain actions that will win him some political capital from the immigration hawks that will circle his administration. After all, under the previous Trump administration, around 1.5 million people were deported, and the Biden administration came close to that figure – both of which were dwarfed by their predecessor, Barack Obama's record of deporting nearly 3 million people over two terms.

Secondly, a corporate tax cut is likely, at least the renewal of the lapsing cuts that Mr. Trump had introduced in 2017, through the so-called Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. The problem is that while the policy reduced taxes for most people, it was criticised for disproportionately benefiting the wealthy: the non-partisan Center on Budget and Policies Priorities noted that under this law, households with incomes in the top 1% would receive an average tax cut of more than $60,000 in 2025, compared to an average tax cut of less than $500 for households in the bottom 60%. Additionally, the Trump tax cut "Was expensive and eroded the U.S. revenue base... and failed to deliver promised economic benefits," the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP) noted.

Third, in the foreign policy space, a retaliation-based trade war of uncertain proportions is almost a certainty on the global economic stage, as Mr. Trump has promised a 10-20% cross-cutting tariff on all $3 trillion worth of U.S. goods imports and a special, punitive 60% tariff on Chinese goods. Beyond that destabilising action, and based on first Trump administration's plan for the U.S. to exit the Paris climate agreement, the Iran nuclear deal, the Trans-Pacific Partnership, UNESCO, UNHRC, NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement), and more, it is quite likely that America's inward withdrawal from global, multilateral and regional engagements, will continue apace. This may well have a strong impact on the wars in Gaza and Ukraine, broader conflicts in West Asia and the South China Sea, besides innumerable bilateral and regional arrangements that may fall into disarray, perhaps to the detriment and chagrin of U.S. allies and partners across the world.

Trumpism unleashed

After four more years of Mr. Trump, the U.S., and indeed the world, may be a very different place. His second term is coterminous with the zenith of the MAGA movement. What began in 2016 as a poignant political assertion of the basic principles of Trumpism – a complex blend of concerns over genuine economic despair and social disempowerment of White America with an unapologetic articulation of baser sentiments rooted in racism, misogyny and bigotry – will now find free flow and seep into every public institution of the U.S. and transform the very core of the socioeconomic landscape of the country. Mr. Trump's time at the helm of this movement will end one day, but the forces that he has unleashed may live well beyond that time.

THE GIST

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MANILA

6.5 lakh flee as Super Typhoon makes landfall in the Philippines

AFP

Super Typhoon Man-yi slammed into the Philippines on Saturday, with weather forecaster warning of a "potentially catastrophic and life-threatening" impact. More than 6,50,000 people fled their homes ahead of Man-yi, which is the sixth major storm to batter the disaster-weary country in the past month. AFP

TBILISI

Georgia's election body confirms ruling party's contested vote win

AFP

Georgians protested as the poll commission rubber-stamped the ruling party's victory in a controversial parliamentary vote marked by claims of Russian meddling and Western calls to investigate fraud allegations. The Georgian Dream party won 53.93% of the votes, the national election commission said. AFP

LIMA

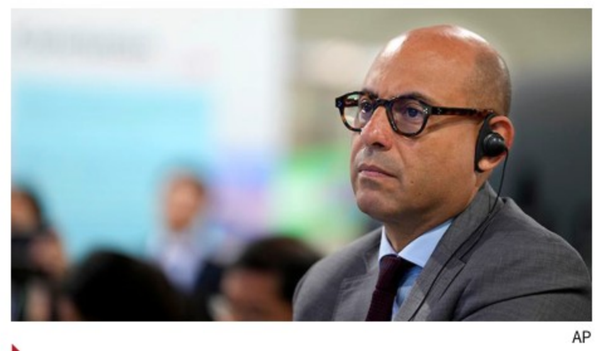
China's Xi calls for unity of APEC members in face of 'protectionism'

REUTERS

Chinese President Xi Jinping called for Asia-Pacific economies to "unite and cooperate" in the face of mounting "protectionism". Speaking to APEC leaders in Peru hours before he is due to hold talks with U.S. counterpart Joe Biden, Mr. Xi pointed to "challenges such as geopolitics, unilateralism and rising protectionism." AFP

BAKU

UN climate chief asks G-20 leaders to boost climate finance efforts



AP

UN climate chief Simon Stiell called on leaders of G-20 nations on Saturday to send a signal of support for global climate finance efforts when they meet in Rio de Janeiro next week, to help trigger a deal at COP29 talks. The plea comes as negotiators at the COP29 conference in Baku struggle for a deal to scale up money. REUTERS

How the NPP won over Sri Lanka's ethnic minorities

In the five electoral districts across the Northern and Eastern provinces, NPP candidates won 12 out of 28 seats; the alliance beat regional parties hands down in all districts but one, reflecting both the success of its outreach and the shift within those electorates; its promise to change the daily lives of people helped NPP strike a chord with voters

NEWS ANALYSIS

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

The staggering mandate – over a two-thirds majority – that Sri Lanka's National People's Power [NPP] coalition led by President Anura Kumara Dissanayake received in the November 14 general elections is a first in the country's proportional representation system.

The unprecedented electoral feat, however, cannot be understood without appreciating the southern alliance's political breakthrough in regions that are home to the island's ethnic minorities. In almost all districts across Sri Lanka's north, east, central and southern hill country, where Tamils, Muslims, and Malaiyaha Tamils live, the NPP has made impressive gains.

In the five electoral districts across the Northern and Eastern provinces, its candidates, all locals, secured 12 out of 28 seats. The NPP beat regional parties hands down in all districts but one, reflecting both the success of its outreach and the unmistakable shift within those electorates. That it did so in Jaffna and Vanni in particular, is historic for a southern political formation.

University of Jaffna academic Sengarapillai Arivalzahan attributes this largely to voters' "anger and frustration" with long-time Tamil politicians. "Fifteen years after the war ended, Tamil people in the north and east have seen little relief or progress. There is a widely shared sentiment that the local parties and leaders were all talk and no action," says the mathematician, who supported the NPP.

The prevalent disenchantment with their old leadership was one key reason, but it cannot entirely explain the shift. Tamils have been concerned that the fragmented Tamil nationalist polity, pre-occupied with internal disagreements, was weakening their voice in the national arena.

Unprecedented win: President Anura Kumara Dissanayake-led NPP won a staggering two-thirds majority in the polls. REUTERS

Further, through the post-war period, most Tamil parties focused mainly on war-time accountability and a political solution to the national question. Barring a few actors who took up local struggles over land grabs by the state, they rarely acknowledged or flagged the enormous financial strain facing most households.

Mounting household debt, joblessness, precarity surrounding rural livelihoods and the abject absence of economic revival that stifled people's daily lives in the war-affected region did not get their attention. In this context, President Dissanayake's effective messaging recently appeared to have connected with the ordinary Tamil voter.

Outdoing ITAK

Despite constraints, the formerly dominant Ilankai Tamil Arasu Katchi (ITAK) that ran alone – its former partners in the Tamil National Alliance contested through other formations – still managed to secure eight seats, points out party member and former Batticaloa MP Shanakiyan Rasamanickam. Apart from the three NPP candidates in Jaffna, former legislator and senior politician S. Shritharan retained his seat, while former MP and lawyer M.A. Sumanthiran, a spokesman of the party, lost his. Jaffna district also saw the re-election of All Ceylon Tamil Congress Leader Gajen Ponnambalam and the entry of an independent candidate.

"Our party [ITAK] had many challenges. Some diaspora groups were bankrolling few local forces and pushing a divisive agenda," says Mr. Rasamanickam, who emerged the top candidate in Batticaloa. He is also credited with leading a focused campaign in the district, where the ITAK won three seats, while the NPP won just one. It is the only district where any other political party beat the NPP. Reflecting on the verdict, the 34-year-old says: "Going forward, it is clear that Tamil nationalist assertion without a focus on people's economic and livelihood hardships will not help."

Meanwhile, the NPP appears to have drawn more Muslim voters in the east, going by its victory in neighbouring Ampara and Trincomalee districts, where many in the community say they have lost faith in their local leadership. All the same, well-known Muslim leaders, Rauf Hakeem of the Sri Lanka Muslim Congress who contested from the central Kandy district, and Rishad Bathiudeen of the All Ceylon Makkal Congress, who ran from northern Mannar, that is part of the Vanni electorate district, retained their seats.

'Workers as people'

The NPP's performance in the hill country, too, is remarkable, especially in districts that were bastions of the Ceylon Workers' Congress and its rival Tamil Progressive Alliance.

While the traditional parties saw estate workers as "just a vote bank", the NPP approached them as "people", says Krishnan Kalaichelvi, who won from Nuwara Eliya district. Her victory, along with that of NPP candidate Ambika Samuel in neighbouring Badulla district, marks Malaiyaha Tamil women's entry in to the Sri Lankan parliament for the first time.

"We campaigned hard on the ground, listening to people's issues over wages, land rights, children's education. It was the youth who backed us first, they have been waiting for change. Over time, they spoke to their families on our behalf and our support base grew," says the long-time political activist and daughter of an estate worker. "My father gave his labour to his country till the time of his death... there are scores of people like him. The old political leadership was interested in its own power, not the people," she says, adding that the NPP "went directly to the people" rather than through "power brokers and middlemen". In Ms. Kalaichelvi's view, Mr. Dissanayake's declaration at a meeting in Hatton town in 2023 that he would recognise our people as "Malaiyaha Tamils" rather than "estate Tamils" struck a chord with many.

Eight killed, 17 injured in knife attack at China school

Agence France-Presse
BEIJING

Eight persons were killed and 17 wounded on Saturday in a knife attack at a vocational school in eastern China, and the suspect – a former student – has been arrested, the police said.

The attack took place in the evening at the Wuxi Vocational Institute of Arts and Technology in the city of Yixing in Jiangsu province, the police in Yixing said in a statement, confirming the toll.

Former student

The police said the suspect was a 21-year-old former student at the school, who was meant to graduate this year, but had failed his exams.

"He returned to the school to express his anger and commit these murders," the police said, adding that the suspect had confessed.

Violent knife crime is not uncommon in China, where firearms are strictly controlled, but attacks with such a high death toll are relatively rare.

Iran denies reports of meeting with Elon Musk

Associated Press
WASHINGTON

Iran successfully sought a meeting with Elon Musk, according to a U.S. official, one in a series of steps that appeared aimed at easing tensions with President-elect Donald Trump.

Iran's UN Ambassador Amir Saeid Iravani met with Mr. Musk – a Trump ally named this week to advise his administration on ways to cut the federal government spending – on Monday in New York, according to a U.S. official briefed on the meeting by a foreign colleague.

The official said he had been informed that the discussion covered a variety of topics, most notably Iran's nuclear programme, its support for anti-Israel groups throughout West Asia and prospects for improved relations with the U.S.

The official said the Iranians sought the meeting with Mr. Musk, the world's richest man, and that it did not take place at the Iranian mission to the UN.

However, Iran's state-run IRNA news agency reported Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei denied the country's UN Ambassador Amir Saeid Iravani met with Mr. Musk in New York and expressed surprise at the extensive media coverage by American outlets on this matter.

Trump's defence pick Hegseth accused of sexual assault in 2017

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

Pete Hegseth

One of Donald Trump's most controversial Cabinet picks just became even more so: Pete Hegseth, tapped for Defence Secretary, was accused of sexual assault in 2017, say police.

No charges were filed in the case, but shocked Trump transition team officials are nonetheless reportedly weighing next steps for the *Fox News* host.

President-elect Trump nominated the 44-year-old National Guard veteran on Tuesday to run the world's most powerful military, despite having never managed a large organisation.

The police in Monterey, California confirmed on Thursday that they had investigated "an alleged sexual assault" at a hotel involving Mr. Hegseth that included bruising to the victim's right thigh, in early October 2017.

News of the woman's accusations caught the Trump team off guard, according to *Vanity Fair*. Mr. Hegseth's lawyer Timothy Parlatore said the allegation "was already investigated by the Monterey police department and they found no evidence for it." And Mr. Trump's communications director Steven Cheung said that Mr. Hegseth "has vigorously denied any and all accusations, and no charges were filed.

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2.	127	25.00	37,500/-	1
Works Reserved for SC (Two Cover)				
3.	126	50.00	1,00,000/-	1
4.	128	50.00	1,00,000/-	1
Works Reserved for ST (Single Cover)				
5.	123	30.00	37,500/-	1
Works Reserved for ST (Two Cover)				
6.	124	50.00	62,500/-	1
Works Reserved for Others (Single Cover)				
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8.	122	25.00	50,000	1
9.	124	25.00 to 30.00	50,000 to 60,000	2
10.	125	25,000	50,000	1
11.	126	25.00 to 29.45	50,000 to 58,900	2
12.	128	25.00	50,000	1
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13.	122	50.00	1,00,000	2
14.	125	50.00 to 180.00	1,00,000 to 1,60,000	3
15.	126	50.00	1,00,000	1
16.	127	50.00 to 200.00	1,00,000 to 1,50,000	3
17.	128	50.00	1,00,000	1
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FANTASTIC DAY

Records fall as Samson-Tilak hurricane hits the Wanderers

ANI

A few records were broken during the fourth T20I between India and South Africa in Johannesburg on Friday. Samson and Tilak's hundreds is the first instance of two batters reaching three figures in the same innings (involving full-member nation teams). Samson became the first to score three T20I hundreds in a calendar year.

'SPECIAL EFFORT'

Laxman lavishes praises on team after 3-1 series triumph in SA

ANI

V.V.S. Laxman, India head coach for the South Africa tour, hailed the T20I series triumph as "a special effort." "I am really proud of the team for the spirit it showed. 3-1 win is a special effort. The side was brilliantly led by Suryakumar. Samson and Tilak were unstoppable with the bat and Varun was outstanding with the ball," said Laxman.

FIVE-STAR SHOW

Johnson's superb spell secures Australia a T20I series win

AFP

Australia seamer Spencer Johnson took his maiden five-wicket haul as the hosts beat Pakistan by 13 runs in the second T20I to clinch the three-match series 2-0 in Sydney on Saturday. **The scores**: Australia 147/9 in 20 overs (Short 32; Rauf 4/22, Abbas 3/17) bt Pakistan 134 in 19.4 overs (Usman 52, Irfan 37 n.o.; Johnson 5/26).

BACK IN IT

Thalaivas too good for Warriorz, find the winning touch again

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Tamil Thalaivas raced to a 46-31 win over Bengal Warriorz in a PKL 11 contest in Noida on Saturday. Moein Shafaghi, Amir Hossein Bastami and Nitesh Kumar's High Fives, and a Super 10 from Vishal Chahal helped Thalaivas return to winning ways. Dabang Delhi registered a 35-25 win against Bengaluru Bulls in the second match.

Suryakumar calls it a 'special series victory'

The skipper is thrilled by Tilak 'walking the talk' in the No. 3 batter role with successive centuries, feels that Samson's performance has made it a 'good headache' when it comes to selection

Dazzling display: The Men in Blue dominated the T20I series in the Rainbow Nation. ANI

INDIA IN SA

Press Trust of India
JOHANNESBURG

India skipper Suryakumar Yadav hailed Tilak Varma for "walking the talk" after the youngster revelled in the No. 3 batter role with back-to-back centuries in the 3-1 T20I series triumph.

After being entrusted with the crucial spot in the last two T20Is of the series, the 22-year-old grabbed the opportunity with both hands. "It was actually running through my mind that there has been a time when one man has batted consistently at No. 3 and done wonders for India," said Suryakumar after India's massive win in the fourth T20I on Friday. "So, this was a perfect opportunity for a young guy who is showing a lot of promise. We spoke about it and he took up the responsibility. He just walked the talk. The way he batted at SuperSport and here was incredible. Hope he continues not only in T20s but in all formats," said Suryakumar.

Samson also performed well as an opener, scoring two hundreds in the series. Asked about his spot once Shubman Gill and Yashasvi Jaiswal return, Suryakumar called it a "good headache".

"I haven't thought that far ahead. I like to live in the moment because this is a special win, a special series victory," he said.

"When they come back, we'll discuss it. It will be tough, but it's a good headache to have going forward," said Suryakumar.

India-South Africa T20I series in numbers

Batting	M	Runs	HS	SR	100s
Tilak	4	280	120*	198.58	2
Samson	4	216	109*	194.59	2
Stubbs	4	113	47*	121.50	0
Bowling	**M**	**Wkts**	**BB**	**Econ**	**5W**
Varun	4	12	5/17	8.62	1
Arshdeep	4	8	3/20	8.78	0
Bishnoi	4	5	3/28	7.33	0

India romps past China, assures itself of a spot in the semifinals

HOCKEY

Uthra Ganesan
RAJGIR

Sheer delight: Sangita darts off on a celebratory run after sounding the boards. R.V. MOORTHY

Cheered on by almost 5000 vocal supporters, packed into space meant for less than 3000, on their feet all through, the Indian women dished out their best performance in the competition so far to register a comprehensive 3-0 against China and go on top of the table of the Asian Champions Trophy here on Saturday.

With four wins in as many games, India is the only unbeaten team here at the moment and assured of a semifinal spot. It was a display of attacking hockey and tight defending with India earning its first two penalty corners 40 seconds into the game. Although they didn't result in a goal - India had to wait till the 32nd minute for a Sangita Kumari smash to open the scoring - it showed the host's intent against the Olympic silver medallist side.

China had so far in the tournament barely allowed the opponents a look in, having conceded just a single goal to Japan before this game. Not surprisingly, this was expected to be India's toughest test and the girls passed with flying colours. In the 4th minute, Sharmila Devi's pass was deflected into the circle with the slightest of touches by Sunelita Toppo, only for Deepika to hit straight to the goalkeeper in a one-on-one situation.

Lalremsiami, who had been in middling form so far, was a changed player, running down the flanks, both feeding and taking shots at the goal. Penalty corners in the 21st and 26th minutes were saved by goalkeeper Ting Li but with India's constant pressure, it was only a matter of time before the deadlock was broken. In fact, credit should go to both the Chinese goalkeepers for denying India at least four direct goals.

Post break, India raised its game a notch further and was immediately rewarded with Sangita's goal after Sushila Chanu's well-placed pass. "Our hunger to score is fuelled further during half time," Sangita quipped after the game. Two minutes later, Ishika Chaudhary's brilliant long pass along the right sideline across the length of the field found Salima Tete but a tad extra second dribbling allowed the Chinese defence to group. She redeemed herself immediately, however, with India's second goal.

India's dominance can be gauged from the fact that China had just 15 circle entries and one PC to India 22 and 6 PCs. China took off its goalkeeper in the 57th minute in a last-ditch attempt to score but ended up conceding a PC, and goal, in the final minute. The result gives India the luxury of using its final league game against Japan on Sunday to fine-tune the niggles.

The results: Japan 2 (Miyu Hasegawa, Shiho Kobayakawa) bt Malaysia 1 (Nur Mohammed); Korea 4 (Seungae Park, Mihyang Park, Dahye Seo, Suyeon Jin) bt Thailand 0; India 3 (Sangita Kumari, Salima Tete, Deepika) bt China 0.

Carlsen takes lead despite a disappointing day

TATA CHESS

P.K. Ajith Kumar
KOLKATA

You expect strange things to happen in blitz chess.

Still, you wouldn't quite expect to find Magnus Carlsen in a lost position by the 12th move, especially after he had been massacring the opposition and winning a tournament by two points just a day earlier. He played just eight more moves against Arjun Erigaisi before resigning in the eighth round of the Tata Steel Chess India blitz tournament on Saturday.

The World No. 1 from Norway then survived a scare against another Indian rival, Vidit Gujrathi, before managing a draw from an inferior position. He thus was still in the sole lead position after nine rounds at the Dhano Dhanyo Auditorium.

Carlsen, who had to pay a heavy price for blundering with his queen when a simple pawn push was required on that 12th move of his, is on 6.5 points. He is half-a-point ahead of the second-placed R. Praggnanandhaa, who had an extraordinary day: he lost his first three games and then won the next six in a row.

Still in control: Carlsen, who lost to Erigaisi in the eighth round, is only half a point ahead of Praggnanandhaa. DEBASISH BHADURI

Arjun and Daniil Dubov of Russia have 5.5 points each. Another nine rounds remain.

The results (Men): Ninth round: Vincent Keymer (Ger) 2 lost to S.L. Narayanan 3.5; Nihal Sarin 3.5 drew with Nodirbek Abdusattorov (Uzb) 4; Daniil Dubov (Rus) 5.5 drew with Wesley So (USA) 3.5; Arjun Erigaisi 5.5 lost to R. Praggnanandhaa 6; Vidit Gujrathi 5 drew with Magnus Carslen (Nor) 6.5.

Eighth round: Narayanan lot to Gujrathi; Carlsen lost to Arjun; Praggnandhaa bt Dubov; So bt Nihal; Abdusattorov bt Keymer.

Seventh round: Abdusattorov bt Narayanan; Keymer bt So; Nihal lost to Praggnanandhaa; Dubov drew with Carlsen; Arjun bt Gujrathi.

Sixth round: Narayanan drew with Arjun; Gujrathi drew with Dubov; Carlsen bt Nihal; Praggnanandhaa bt Keymer; So lost to Abudsattorov.

Women: Ninth round: D. Harika 4 drew with Koneru Humpy 4.5; Valentina Gunina (Rus) 6 lost to Kateryna Lagno (Rus) 7; Divya Deshmukh 4.5 bt Vantika Agrawal 4.5; R. Vaishali 3.5 lost to Nana Dzagnidze (Geo) 2 Alexandra Kosteniuk (Swi) 4 bt Aleksandra Goryachkina (Rus) 5.

Eighth round: Humpy drew with Kosteniuk; Goryachkina drew with Vaishali; Dzagnidze lost to Divya; Vantika lost to Gunina; Lagno bt Harika.

Seventh round: Lagno drew with Humpy; Harika drew with Vantika; Gunina bt Dzagnidze; Divya drew with Goryachkina; Vaishali bt Kosteniuk.

Sixth round: Humpy bt Vaishali; Kosteniuk lost to Divya; Goryachkina lost to Gunina; Dzagnidze bt Harika; Vantika drew with Lagno.

SNAPSHOTS

Gill doubtful for first Test, Padikkal asked to stay back in Perth

MUMBAI: Shubman Gill is doubtful for the opening Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy after fracturing his thumb during Saturday's simulation practice session at the WACA in Perth.

While Gill is expected to recover for the second Test, the national selectors and the team management have asked Devdutt Padikkal to stay back in Perth as back-up batter for the series-opener.

Fritz battles past Zverev to reach the final of ATP Finals

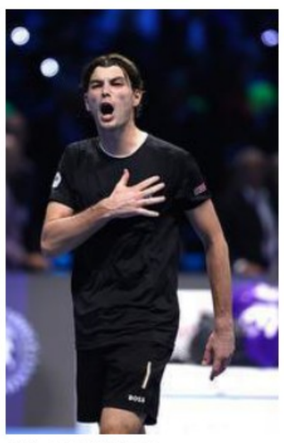
TURIN: Taylor Fritz reached the ATP Finals title decider on Saturday by beating Alexander Zverev 6-3, 3-6, 7-6(3) at the season-ending event here.

Fritz will bid to become the first American since Pete Sampras in 1999 to claim the title in Sunday's showdown.

The results: Semifinals: Fritz bt Zverev 6-3, 3-6, 7-6(3). **John Newcombe Group:** Ruud bt Rublev 6-4, 5-7, 6-2. **Doubles: Bob Bryan Group:** Bopanna & Ebden bt Krawietz & Puetz 7-5, 6-7(6), [10-7].

Portugal reaches quarterfinals, Spanish armada keeps sailing

PARIS: Cristiano Ronaldo



Fritz. GETTY IMAGES

scored twice as Portugal thrashed Poland 5-1, thanks to a rampant second-half display on Friday to reach the Nations League quarterfinals, while already-qualified Spain beat Denmark.

The results: League A: Group 1: Scotland 1 (McGinn 86) bt Croatia 0; Portugal 5 (Leao 59, Ronaldo 72-pen, 87, Fernandes 80, Neto 83) bt Poland 1 (Marczuk 88).

Group 4: Denmark 1 (Isaksen 84) lost to Spain 2 (Oyarzabal 15, Perez 58); Switzerland 1 (Amdouni 78) drew with Serbia 1 (Terzic 88).

League C: Group 2: Cyprus 2 (Kastanos 18, Tzionis 63) bt Lithuania 1 (Gineitis 47); Romania 0 vs. Kosovo 0 (match abandoned).

Group 3: Luxembourg 0 lost to Bulgaria 1 (Kraev 23); Northern Ireland 2 (Ballard 50, Charles 63-pen) bt Belarus 0.

League D: Group 1: San Marino 1 (Nanni 90+1-pen) drew with Gibraltar 1 (Walker 11-pen).

Odisha hammers Haryana, clinches its maiden title

K. Keerthivasan
CHENNAI

Ecstatic: Odisha blew away Haryana — a team that had in its ranks both experience and youth — to take the big prize. M. VEDHAN

Odisha cruised past two-time champion Haryana 5-1, courtesy a hat-trick by Shilanand Lakra, in the final of the Hockey India-14th senior National championship at the SDAT-Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium here on Saturday. This is Odisha's maiden title.

For Haryana, it was its second successive defeat in the summit clash, having lost to Punjab last time.

Earlier, Uttar Pradesh beat Manipur 2-1 to bag the bronze medal.

Although touted to be a close contest, Odisha blew away a team that had in its ranks both experience and youth in equal measure.

In the end, it was speed allied with supreme skills that enabled Odisha to script a triumph of such a margin.

It was in the second quarter that Haryana – trailing 0-1 – showed what it is capable of. Denying the forwards any space to carry out its attack. Haryana exerted immense pressure on Odisha by attacking exceedingly well, but without much success.

Full credit to Odisha's defenders especially the rushers Kerobin Lakra and Amit Kumar Topno and goalkeeper Sahil Kumar Nayak who showed great alacrity by disrupting the penalty corners of Haryana of which it had 10 in total.

Coming back from knee surgery to find a place in the Indian team, Shilanand showed his striking skills and speed. In fact, it was his three goals in the fourth and final quarter that took the match away from Haryana.

His fourth goal was a delight. From the half-line, Shilanand stole the ball from Prabhjot Singh to make a fantastic run and produce a reverse flick into the net.

Odisha's head coach Bijay Kumar Lakra praised the team's fitness. "Today's hockey is all about fitness. We will not leave a single player. We will run and block anyone who tries to run."

Bijay further spoke about Sundargarh district's contribution to Odisha hockey.

"Sundargarh has more than a dozen artificial pitches and most players in our team now are from Sundargarh."

The results:
Final: Odisha 5 (Rajat Akash Tirkey 11, Pratap Lakra 39, Shilanand Lakra 48, 57, 60) bt Haryana 1 (Joginder Singh 55).
Third place: UP 2 (Lalit Kumar Upadhyay 6, Rajkumar Pal 54) bt Manipur 1 (Moriganthem Rabichandra Singh 43).

INBRIEF

Bagnaia wins Barcelona Moto GP sprint, Martin third

Francesco Bagnaia produced a commanding performance to win Saturday's sprint at the Barcelona MotoGP, ensuring that the battle for the world championship title would go to the last race of the season. Championship leader Jorge Martin finished third behind Bagnaia's Ducati-Lenovo teammate Enea Bastianini and will take a reduced 19-point lead into Sunday's Grand Prix.

Riya Bhatia enters doubles final in Portugal

Riya Bhatia and Polina Iatcenko beat Aneta Laboutkova and Martha Matoula 6-4, 6-3 in the doubles semifinals of the $40,000 ITF women's tennis tournament in Funchal, Portugal.

Abhay goes down to Ng in the semifinals

Abhay Singh's fine run in the Malaysia Squash Cup came to an end as the Indian lost to second seed Eain Yow Ng of Malaysia 5-11, 4-11, 11-7, 4-11 in the semifinals on Saturday.

Pogba's Juventus contract terminated

Paul Pogba's Juventus career is over after the Serie A club announced on Friday that the France midfielder's contract had been terminated even though his doping ban was cut to 18 months on appeal. Pogba will be able to return to competitive football in March after the CAS chopped last month an initial four-year suspension handed down by the Italian anti-doping authority NADO. But Juventus has decided to cut ties with the 31-year-old. In a statement, Juventus said the club and Pogba "have reached a mutual agreement for the termination of the contract as of 30 Nov., 2024".

LIVE TELECAST

Hockey: Women's ACT, Sony Sports Ten 1 (SD & HD) & LIV, 12.15, 2.30 & Japan vs India, 4.45 p.m.

Sri Lanka vs New Zealand: 2nd ODI, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 2.30 p.m.

PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 8 p.m. onwards

Football: Nations League, Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 1.15 a.m. (Monday)

Karnataka misses golden opportunity against host Uttar Pradesh

Chasing 261, visitors start off in rousing fashion only to pull down the shutters early post the dismissal of Mayank throwing away a bid at victory

RANJI TROPHY

Dhruva Prasad
LUCKNOW

Though rain had foiled Karnataka's bid to grab crucial points in its first two matches of the ongoing Ranji Trophy, it had only itself to blame when it escaped with a draw, and three points, following a timid batting display against Uttar Pradesh at the Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Cricket Stadium here on Saturday.

Pursuing 261 in 64 overs, openers Nikin Jose and Mayank Agarwal began the chase with intent, adding 77 runs in quick time. Mayank was the aggressor, and went down swinging, stepping out and lobbing one straight to mid-on while pulling the ball from wide outside off.

The skipper's departure seemed to stall Karnataka's momentum as Jose and R. Smaran went into a shell while left-arm spinner Saurabh Kumar troubled the duo from one end by using the rough outside the right-hander's leg-stump.

Big fish: Saurabh celebrates the dismissal of Shreyas effectively ending Karnataka's hopes of a win. SANDEEP SAXENA

With Karnataka still primed to overhaul the target, the hosts were ambling around the field, often calling upon the physio as the clock ticked away. But after Smaran sent Jose back from halfway down the pitch, resulting in the latter being run out at the non-striker's end, there was a spring in their step.

Smaran drove uppishly and Abhishek Goswami pulled off a stunner at cover to embolden UP. When Krishnan Shrijith and Shreyas Gopal fell in quick succession after the tea break, Karnataka was staring down the barrel.

Manish Pandey and Abhinav Manohar had to curb their natural instincts to salvage a draw, fending the ball with their pads before striking some lusty blows to see off the day.

Earlier, UP built on its lead through a 45-ball fifty by Saurabh, who played with freedom on a pitch that turned increasingly in the spinners' favour.

But most of Karnataka's batters couldn't follow his lead, and the light, which faded at 4.30 p.m. on all four days, didn't help the visitors.

The scores: **Uttar Pradesh — 1st innings**: 89.
Karnataka — 1st innings: 275.
Uttar Pradesh — 2nd innings: Abhishek Goswami lbw b Vidyadhar 3, Madhav Kaushik c Pandey b Mohsin 134, Aryan Juyal c Jose b Shreyas 109, Rituraj Sharma c Manohar b Shreyas 0, Sameer Rizvi c Smaran b Mohsin 30, Aaditya Sharma b Shreyas 41, Kritagya Singh c Jose b Koushik 5, Saurabh Kumar c Smaran b Shreyas 54, Vipraj Nigam lbw b Shreyas 26, Shivam Mavi c Koushik b Vidyadhar 15, Aaqib Khan (not out) 0; Extras (b-12, lb-7, w-5, nb-5): 29; Total (in 134 overs): 446.
Fall of wickets: 1-8, 2-254, 3-255, 4-273, 5-320, 6-325, 7-402, 8-415, 9-446.
Karnataka bowling: Koushik 28-6-62-1, Vidyadhar 28-3-111-2, Parantap 9-0-39-0, Mohsin 34-4-93-2, Shreyas 35-1-122-5.
Karnataka — 2nd innings: Nikin Jose run out (Rizvi) 48, Mayank Agarwal c Saurabh b Aaqib 37, R. Smaran c Goswami b Nigam 15, Krishnan Shrijith b Nigam 7, Manish Pandey (not out) 36, Shreyas Gopal c Aaditya b Saurabh 1, Abhinav Manohar (not out) 31; Extras (b-2, lb-1): 3; Total (for five wkts. in 59 overs) 178.
Fall of wickets: 1-77, 2-100, 3-105, 4-116, 5-125.
Uttar Pradesh bowling: Mavi 4-0-15-0, Aaqib 7-1-23-1, Saurabh 25-3-61-1, Kritagya 5-2-11-0, Nigam 18-2-65-2.

Shami still not at his peak, but the performance has been noteworthy

Y. B. Sarangi
INDORE

Mohammed Shami's performance on his much-anticipated return after a year out may have pleased Indian cricket lovers, but the pace ace may need some more time to get on top of his game.

The way Shami performed in the Ranji Trophy match at the Holkar Stadium here and contributed with both ball and bat in Bengal's thrilling 11-run win over Madhya Pradesh is commendable. While testing his body and mind over four days, Shami captured seven wickets in about 44 overs and played a crucial knock of 37 runs.

As far as his bowling is concerned, Shami got over his self-doubts on day one and grew in confidence on day two. He tried out a few things on day three and pushed himself when needed on day four.

Among his seven wickets, the 34-year-old claimed three proper batters and four tail-enders.

Back in the groove: Mohammed Shami tested his body and mind over four days, while capturing seven wickets. PTI

Under the watchful eyes of physio Nitin Patel and selector Ajay Ratra, Shami – who went through a surgery on his Achilles tendon and later had a swollen knee during rehab – mostly bowled in shorter spells of three-four overs. His lengthiest spell was of six overs on the first day. Some of his spells were followed by a short break, possibly as a precautionary measure.

Multiple experts present at the venue assessed that Shami would have bowled within the 130-135kmph range. It was impressive considering that it was his comeback match.

Shami's involvement in the match was noteworthy. The way he spent time on the field, shone the ball for fellow young bowlers and guided them through the match, and took selfies with the spectators who gathered on all four days to see him in action was remarkable.

"Shami performed really well. He did not look like he was returning after a year. Rarely did he come out while we fielded and contributed with bat and ball," said Bengal coach L.R. Shukla.

Even though Shami travelling to Australia to take part in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy looks a remote possibility at present, the speedster may be inclined to get some more match-practice in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, starting on November 23, to return to his peak.

RANJI SCORES - ROUND 5 (DAY FOUR)

Elite: **Group-A: Delhi:** Services 240 & 182 lost to Mumbai 288 & 137/1 in 35.4 overs (Angkrish Raghuvanshi 55 n.o., Siddhesh Lad 73 n.o.); **Points: Mumbai 6 (22), Services 0 (13).**

Group-B: Nagpur: Gujarat 343 & 237/9 in 81 overs (Umang Kumar 50, Het Patel 77) drew with Vidarbha 545/9 decl. in 152.4 overs (Danish Malewar 115, Karun Nair 123, Akshay Wadkar 114 n.o., Praful Hinge 40); **Gujarat 1 (19), Vidarbha 3 (28).**

Hyderabad: Hyderabad 301 & 193/1 in 51 overs (Tanmay Agarwal 95, Abhirath Reddy 70 n.o.) drew with Andhra 448 in 143.5 overs (Shaik Rasheed 203, Karan Shinde 109, Anikethreddy 4/137); **Hyderabad 1 (9), Andhra 3 (4).**

Dehradun: Rajasthan 660/7 decl. drew with Uttarakhand 362 in 102 overs (R. Samarth 51, Yuvraj Chaudhary 158, Aniket Choudhary 5/86) & 185/4 in 59 overs (R. Samarth 75 n.o., Yuvraj Chaudhary 78); **Rajasthan 3 (16), Uttarakhand 1 (10).**

Group-C: Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh 89 & 446 in 134 overs (Madhav Kaushik 134, Aryan Juyal 109, Aaditya Sharma 41, Saurabh Kumar 54, Shreyas Gopal 5/122) drew with Karnataka 275 & 178/5 in 59 overs (Nikin Jose 48); **UP 1 (6), Karnataka 3 (12).**

Indore: Bengal 228 & 276 bt Madhya Pradesh 167 & 326 in 99.2 overs (Shubranshu Senapati 50, Himanshu Mantri 44, Shubham Sharma 61, Venkatesh Iyer 53, Shahbaz Ahmed 4/48); **Bengal 6 (14), MP 0 (10).**

Rohtak: Kerala 291 & 125/2 decl. in 31 overs (Rohan Kunnummal 62 n.o., Sachin Baby 42) drew with Haryana 164 in 74.2 overs & 52/2 in 18 overs; **Kerala 3 (18), Haryana 1 (20).**

Group-D: Raipur: Assam 289 & 279 in 95.4 overs (Parvej Musaraf 94, Sibsankar Roy 55, Sumit Ghadigaonkar 43, Ravi Kiran 5/56) drew with Chhattisgarh 500/9 decl. & 8 for no loss in 1 over; **Assam 1 (5), Chhattisgarh 3 (11).**

Chandigarh: Saurashtra 531/9 decl. bt Chandigarh 249 & 223 in 48 overs (Ankit Kaushik 78, Jagjit Singh 50); **Saurashtra 7 (11), Chandigarh 0 (19).**

Delhi: Jharkhand 382 drew with Delhi 388/7 decl. in 105.5 overs (Anuj Rawat 52, Ayush Badoni 205 n.o., Sumit Mathur 43); **Jharkhand 1 (8), Delhi 3 (14).**

Ahmedabad: Railways 229 & 184 in 48.4 overs (Vivek Singh 63, Mohammad Saif 52, Sonu Yadav 4/50, Ajith Ram 4/30) lost to Tamil Nadu 438; **TN 7 (19), Railways 0 (14).**

Plate: **Anand:** Manipur 357 & 224 in 78.3 overs (Ronald Longjam 44, Kangabam Priyojit 48, Pheiroijam Jotin 64, Ankur Malik 4/92) drew with Sikkim 336 & 129/5 in 28.5 overs (Palzor Tamang 45 n.o.); **Manipur 3 (9), Sikkim 1 (13).**

Nadiad: Nagaland 736/7 decl. & 197/1 in 45.4 overs (Sedezhalie Rupero 88, Dega Nischal 105 n.o.) drew with Mizoram 393 in 106 overs (Agni Chopra 146, Joseph Lalthankhuma 56, Mohit Jangra 93 n.o., Jagadeesha Suchith 6/107); **Nagaland 3 (23), Mizoram 1 (14).**

Malaala should redeem herself in the H.P. Mistry Memorial Cup

RACING

HYDERABAD: Trainer Laxman Singh's mare Malaala, who finished second in her last start, should redeem herself in the H.P. Mistry Memorial Cup, the main event of Sunday's (Nov. 17) races.

1 KINNERASANI PLATE (Div. II) (1,200m), 4-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III) – 12. 50 p.m.: 1. Worcester (3) Saqlain 60, 2. Shadow Baby (2) Akshay K 59.5, 3. Star Medal (8) Md. Ekram 57.5, 4. Doe A Deer (5) Afroz K 56.5, 5. Classy Dame (6) R.S. Jodha 55, 6. Morning Mist (4) P. Ajeeth K 54, 7. Glimmer Of Hope (7) Gaurav 53 and 8. Golden Inzio (1) I. Chisty 52.5.
1. WORCESTER, 2. SHADOW BABY, 3. GLIMMER OF HOPE

2 ELUSIVE HERO PLATE (1,100m), (Terms) Maiden, 2-y-o only (Cat. II) – 1.20: 1. Brilliant Lad (2) Suraj Narredu 56, 2. State Man (5) Trevor 56, 3. Dontblockmyway (1) Akshay K 54.5, 4. Dubai Touch (3) Ashad Asbar 54.5, 5. Foxy Girl (4) I. Chisty 54.5 and 6. N R I Triple Power (6) B.R. Kumar 54.5.
1. BRILLIANT LAD, 2. DONTBLOCKMYWAY

3 MEDAK PLATE (1,400m) Maiden, 3-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III) – 1.50: 1. Iconic Star (8) Saqlain 60, 2. Jolly Jester (6) Abhay Singh 58.5, 3. N R I Dheera (7) B.R. Kumar 57.5, 4. Clara (2) I. Chisty 57, 5. Peppi (3) Kuldeep Jr. 56.5, 6. Tiger Ruby (5) Akshay K 56.5, 7. Lady Jane (9) Mukesh 56, 8. Smart Boy (4) G. Naresh 56, 9. First Lady (1) A.A. Vikrant 55.5 and 10. Total Control (10) Ashad Asbar 55.5.
1. CLARA, 2. ICONIC STAR, 3. N R I DHEERA

4 CH. V. LAKSHMI PRASAD RAO SIRDESAI SIRCILLA MEMORIAL CUP (1,200m), 3-y-o and upward, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II) – 2.25: 1. Warwick (2) P. Ajeeth K 60, 2. Gatiman (3) Mukesh 56.5, 3. Star Forever (8) P. Sai K 55, 4. Assured Success (1) Ajay K 53.5, 5. Caraxes (4) Surya Prakash 51.5, 6. Kalki (6) Trevor 51.5, 7. Knotty Senorita (5) Gaurav 51.5 and 8. Rolls Royce (7) Md. Ekram 51.5.
1. KALKI, 2. GATIMAN, 3. WARWICK

5 BLOOMER PLATE (1,600m), 3-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III) – 3.00: 1. Queen Empress (7) Akshay K 60, 2. Planet Super (3) Ajay K 58.5, 3. Anemoi (5) Trevor 56.5, 4. Federer (2) P. Ajeeth K 56, 5. Das (4) Afroz K 54, 6. Balahaka (6) G. Naresh 52.5 and 7. Reining Queen (1) Kuldeep Jr. 51.
1. QUEEN EMPRESS, 2. ANEMOI, 3. FEDERER

6 BHOGIR PLATE (1,400m), 5-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III) – 3.35: 1. Code Blue (8) Abhay Singh 60, 2. Quality Warrior (7) Saqlain 60, 3. Top In Class (6) Mukesh 60, 4. See My Attitude (5) Akshay K 59.5, 5. Lights On (2) Md. Ekram 57.5, 6. Just Incredible (1) Kuldeep Sr. 57, 7. Park Lane (3) Md. Ismail 57 and 8. Wandring Warrior (4) I. Chisty 54.
1. SEE MY ATTITUDE, 2. QUALITY WARRIOR, 3. LIGHTS ON

7 H.P. MISTRY MEMORIAL CUP (1,200m), 3-y-o and upward, rated 80 and above (Cat. I) – 4.10: 1. Malaala (1) Trevor 60, 2. Alexina (2) P. Sai K 57.5, 3. Last Wish (4) Akshay K 54.5, 4. Best Buddy (5) Md. Ekram 52.5, 5. High Reward (6) Ajay K 50 and 6. Dyanoosh (3) Surya Prakash 50.
1. MALAALA, 2. ALEXINA, 3. LAST WISH

8 KINNERASANI PLATE (Div. I) (1,200m), 4-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III) – 4.45: 1. Winning Attitude (5) Saqlain 60, 2. Inderdhanush (4) P. Ajeeth K 59.5, 3. Darling's Boy (3) Akshay K 58.5, 4. Flashing Memories (2) R.S. Jodha 58, 5. Pancho (6) B. Nikhil 55.5, 6. Silver Lining (1) Md Ekram 54.5, 7. Star Cruise (8) Kuldeep Sr. 54 and 8. Nav Lakhaa (7) Kuldeep Jr. 50.5.
1. DARLING'S BOY, 2. WINNING ATTITUDE, 3. STAR CRUISE
Day's Best: **MALAALA**
Jackpot: 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8.
Mini Jackpot: (I) 2, 3, 4 & 5, (ii) 5, 6, 7 & 8.
Treble: (I) 1, 2 & 3, (ii) 3, 4 & 5, (iii) 6, 7 & 8.
Tanala: All races.

Maiden victory for Sohil Shah in Indian Racing Festival

MOTORSPORT

Sports Bureau
COIMBATORE

Sohil Shah put Goa Aces JA Racing back on track for the title with a commanding win, his first, on the opening day of the fifth and final round of the Indian Racing Festival at the Kari Motor Speedway here on Saturday.

He beat the likes of veteran stars Neel Jani (Hyderabad Blackbirds) and Alvaro Parente (Speed Demons Delhi) to make it a memorable evening for the team.

"I am happy with the win. It was a good race and am pleased with my performance as the grid had top drivers like such as Jani, Parente and Lancaster," said Sohil.

Celebration time: Sohil, left, of Goa Aces JA Racing celebrates. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

In the Formula 4 Indian Championship, South African Aqil Alibhai (Hyderabad Blackbirds) posted yet another top-place finish. It was his sixth overall and fifth win in a row.

Tijil Rao of Dark Don Racing did likewise winning the premier category, the Formula LGB4 of the 27th JK Tyre FMSCI National Racing Championship.

> "I am happy with the win. It was a good race and am pleased with my performance as the grid had top drivers like such as Jani, Parente and Lancaster," said Sohil.

Championship leader S. Navaneeth Kumar consolidated his position on the points table with one win and a P2 finish in the Royal Enfield Continental GT Cup.

The results (provisional): Indian Racing League (Race 1, Driver-A): 1. Sohil Shah (Goa Aces JA Racing) 26:34.598, 2. Neel Jani (Sui, Hyderabad Blackbirds) 26:51.754), 3. Jon Lancaster (UK, Chennai Turbo Riders) 26:54.848. **Formula 4 Indian Open (Race 1):** 1. Aqil Alibhai (RSA, Hyderabad Blackbirds) 26:14.474, 2. Ruhan Alva (Shrachi Rarh Royal Bengal Tigers), 3. Hady Noah Mimassi (Can, Chennai Turbo Riders). **JK Tyre-FMSCI National Racing: LGB Formula 4 (Race 1):** 1. Tijil Rao (Dark Don Racing) 22:02.750, 2. Saran Vikram (Momentum Motorsports), 3. Dhruvh Goswami (MSport). **Rookie:** 1. Dhruvh Goswami 23:04.504, 2. Abhay Mohan (Bengaluru), Neythan McPherson (Pune). **Royal Enfield Continental GT Cup (Race 1): Professionals:** 1. R. Rohan (11:44.984), 2. S. Navaneeth Kumar, 3. Anish Shetty. **Amateurs:** 1. P. Yogesh (12:16.480), 2. Johring Warisa, 3. Johnson Saldanha. **Race 2: Professionals:** 1. S. Navaneeth Kumar (07:48.397), 2. Anish Shetty, 3. R. Rohan. **Amateurs:** 1. P. Yogesh (08:08.594), 2. Johring Warisa, 3. Johnson Saldanha.

Karnataka gets the upper hand against Chandigarh

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka secured the upper hand against Chandigarh on day two of its Col. C.K. Nayudu (U-23) Trophy match away on Saturday.

To the overnight 384 for four, the visitor could only add 45 runs but tweakers Shashi Kumar (4/77) and Paras Gurbax Arya (4/67) ensured Chandigarh was reduced to 211 for eight, still 218 in the red.

The scores:
Karnataka 429 in 104.5 overs (Macneil Noronha 47, Prakhar Chaturvedi 220, Harshil Dharmani 67, Dhruv Prabhakar 56, Ivraj Ranauta 4/103, Harshit 3/101) vs. Chandigarh 211/8 in 75 overs (Dipender Kush 83, Devang Kaushik 58, Harman 30, K. Shashi Kumar 4/77, Paras Gurbax Arya 4/67).

Decided to stay with GT because of the trust showed in me: Shahrukh

The power-hitter believes that the Gujarat franchise, which values him highly, is a 'good place to play cricket'; adds that he was given a new role at No. 4 in IPL 2024

CRICKET

Sankar Narayanan E.H.
AHMEDABAD

Shahrukh Khan feels at home in the Gujarat Titans dugout.

The Tamil Nadu player said his decision to stay with the franchise ahead of the 2025 Indian Premier League (IPL) was because of the camaraderie he has with head coach Ashish Nehra, and how smoothly the GT machinery works.

"A lot of people have said GT is a really good place to play cricket and I got to experience it last year.

"The feeling of home that they give is immense. Honestly, I haven't found it anywhere else," Shahrukh told *The Hindu* after Tamil Nadu's victory over Railways in a Ranji Trophy match on Saturday.

At home: Shahrukh said his decision to stay with GT came because of the camaraderie he has with head coach Nehra. K. MURALI KUMAR

> GT made me bat up the order against RCB. I wasn't sure about it. But when they sent me, it was a new role and I understood they valued me

The Nehra factor

"Everybody knows what sort of a character Nehra is. He has a big heart and he is compassionate about the players and the set-up around him.

"I decided to stick with GT because of the trust they showed in me," said Shahrukh, who was retained for ₹4 crore.

The power-hitter was asked to bat up the order unexpectedly at the Narendra Modi stadium here a couple of times and a half-century came from his blade each time.

Shahrukh was handed the opener's helmet by coach L. Balaji against Railways as some of the regulars were not available.

The 29-year-old went on to slam a 114-ball 86.

"The idea was Bala *anna*'s (Balaji). He asked me to go and take on the fast bowlers.

"I like the ball coming fast because I'm good against the pacers. So, it was his idea completely. Nobody expected it... I don't know what he saw, but whatever he saw clicked for us in this match," Shahrukh revealed.

Shahrukh's first IPL half-century came in April 2024 (58 off 30 balls against Royal Challengers Bengaluru) when he was given a chance at No. 4 by GT.

"GT made me bat up the order against RCB. I wasn't sure about it.

"I knew that I could bat up the order but I really wasn't ready to go at No. 4 and play.

"But when they sent me, it was a new role and I understood they valued me.

"They know what sort of a person I am... so, it is better to stick to the team."

Odisha has the best infrastructure: Tirkey

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For Hockey India president Dilip Tirkey, it must have been an emotional moment to witness Odisha winning its maiden gold in the senior National men's hockey championship here on Saturday.

Born and raised in Sundargarh – known for its love for hockey – Tirkey explained the reasons for the popularity of the sport in his district. "Sundargarh has more than a dozen artificial pitches in Odisha. There are as many sports hostels. There is a lot of support from the State government as well. In fact, Odisha has the best infrastructure for hockey. Earlier, Odisha players used to play for different private teams in the Nationals. It is only now we have formed a good team."

The 46-year-old former India captain said Nationals have always been a priority for Hockey India and that there is a need to look at the format of the tournament, which has seen many lop-sided matches.

"We are debating it (the need to change the format). Some teams have conceded a lot of goals. I think this is not good for the future of Indian hockey," he said.

According to Tirkey the reason why many current India players didn't take part in the Nationals was that there were quite a few International tournaments – and with the Hockey India League coming up, HI wanted the players to rest.

Tirkey. M. VEDHAN

"We want all our national players to take part in National championship. If our National players don't play in Nationals, people won't come to see us play. Last year, when the Nationals happened before the Olympics, a lot of current India players came. This time, after the Paris Olympics (in July-August) we had the Asian Champions Trophy (in September) and we have the Hockey India League followed by the Pro League where all the top Indian and International players will play. We wanted the top Indian players to rest," he said.

When it was pointed out to Tirkey that the job of High Performance Director of Hockey India is to promote grassroot talent and when asked whether enough is being done on that front, Tirkey said the work has just started.

"We are organising grassroots programs for u-15, u-19 and u-20 boys and girls. We are organising matches and camps for different age groups. Our High-Performance director and his team is going to all the places and making reports. We will do our best to support the development of hockey," he said.

Wild celebrations: Ugarte, bottom, is mobbed by teammates after his winning goal in the 11th minute of injury time. AFP

Uruguay ends winless run, beats Colombia

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Manuel Ugarte grabbed a dramatic last-gasp winner as Uruguay ended a five-match winless streak with a thrilling 3-2 win over Colombia in South American World Cup qualifying on Friday.

Marcelo Bielsa's Uruguay looked set for a 2-1 win until Colombia levelled through Andres Gomez in the sixth minute of stoppage time.

But once the celebrations and the lengthy VAR check were over – Uruguay pumped the ball into the box and the ball fell to the Manchester United midfielder Ugarte and the substitute buried the chance for his first international goal.

The crowd at the historic Estadio Centenario went wild as Uruguay claimed the three points and some revenge for its bad-tempered loss to Colombia in the Copa America semifinals in July.

The win moves it above Colombia, on goal difference, into second place behind leader Argentina.

Colombia took the lead in the 31st minute with a clever free-kick from Juan Fernando Quintero. With the home defence expecting a cross from the left of the box, Quintero spotted that keeper Sergio Rochet had left a gap at his near post and superbly fired his shot into the corner.

Uruguay drew level in the 57th minute in fortunate fashion when Marcelo Saracchi whipped in a cross from the left which deflected off Daniel Munoz and Davinson Sanchez's attempted sliding clearance flew into his own net.

But there was no luck about the goal that put Uruguay ahead three minutes later.

Maximiliano Araujo and Mathias Olivera combined well with a smart passing move before Rodrigo Aguirre skipped past a challenge and fired home.

It was an emotional moment for the 30-year-old Aguirre, who plays in Mexico with Club America and had represented his country at youth level but never broken into the senior team.

The results: Peru 0 drew with Chile 0; Uruguay 3 (Sanchez 57-og, Aguirre 60, Ugarte 90+11) bt Colombia 2 (Quintero 31, Gomez 90+6).

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